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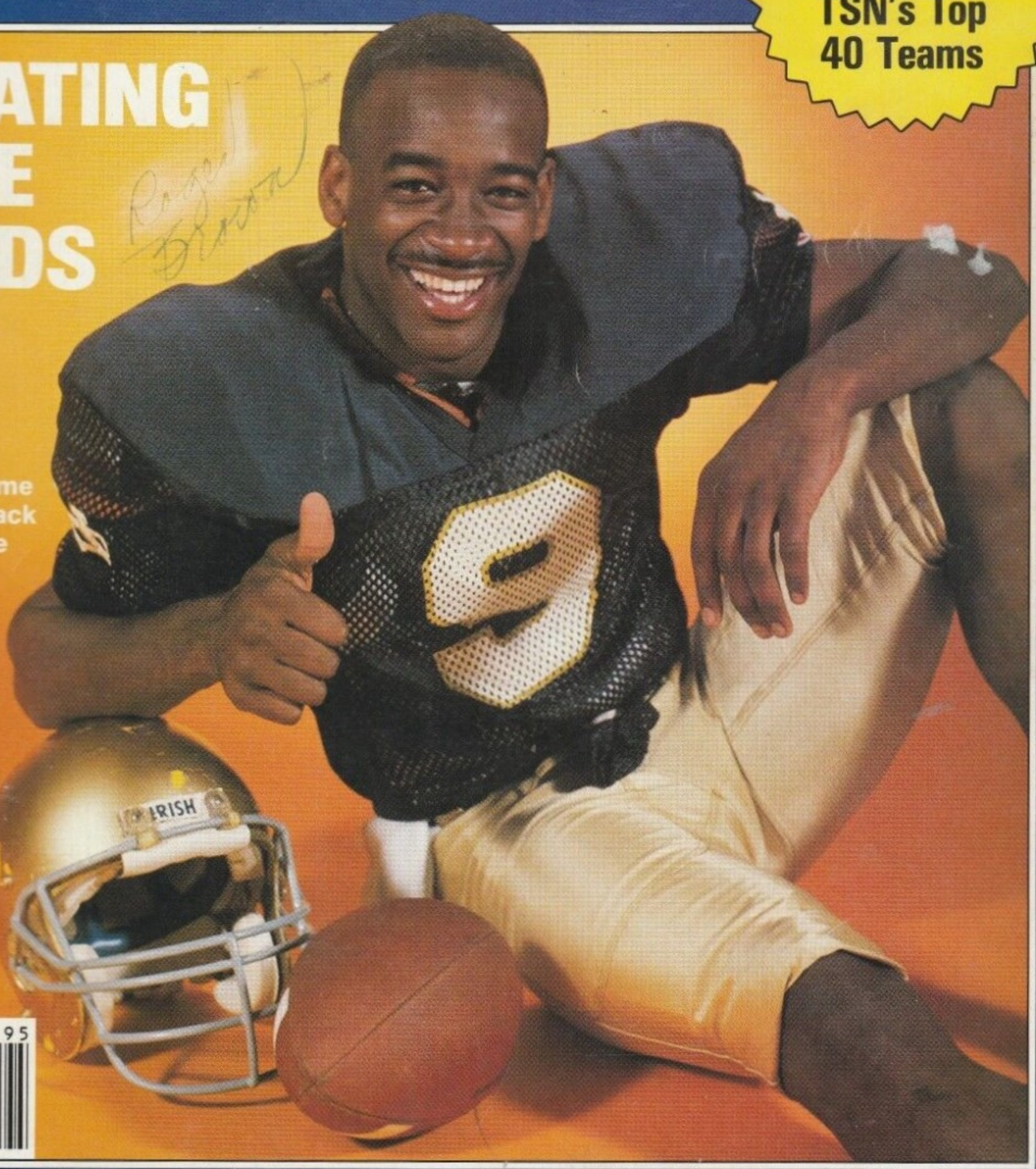
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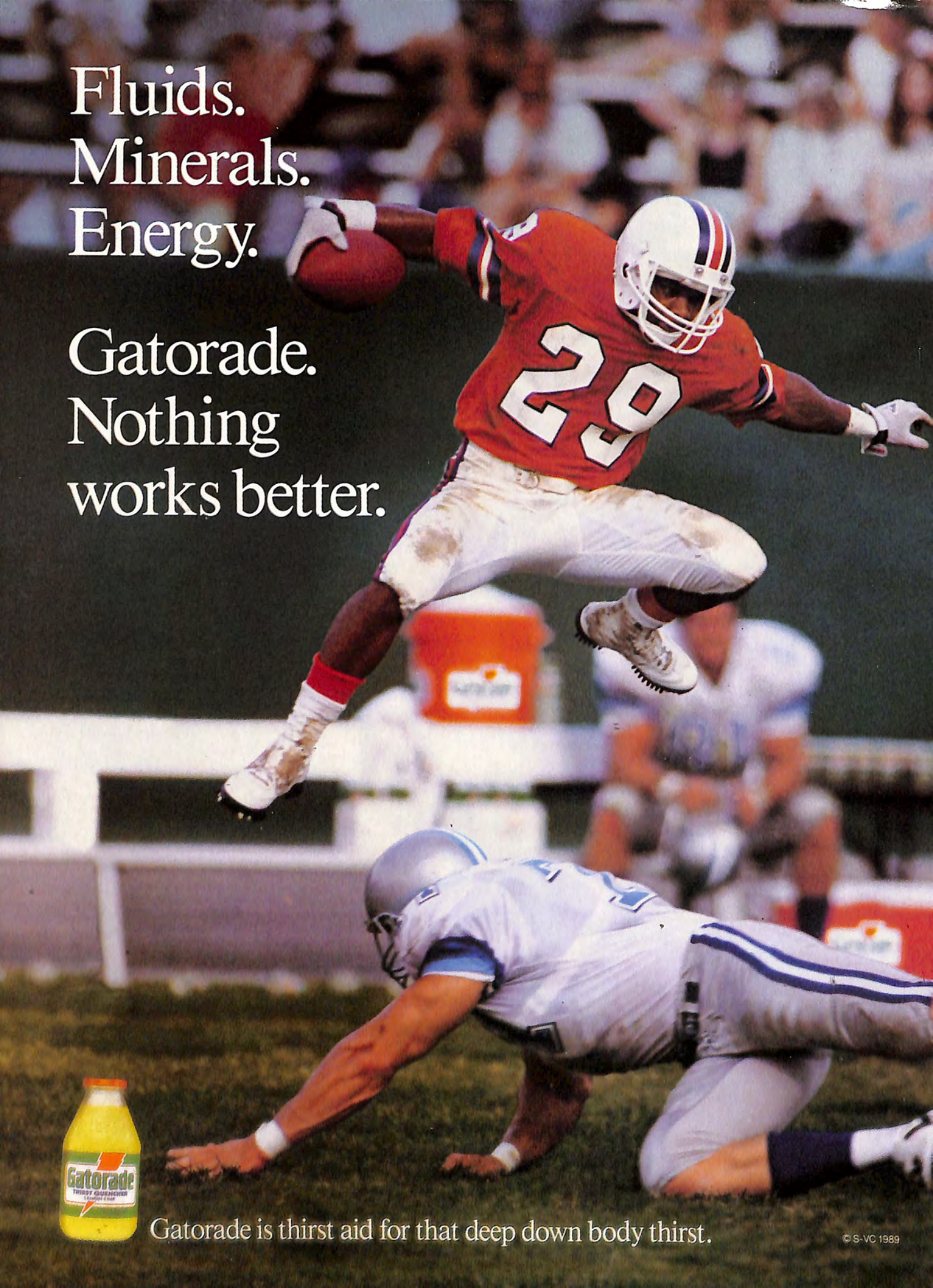
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Notre Dame's Rice has persevered on the field and in the classroom

By ED SHERMAN
Chicago Tribune

Sometimes, Tony Rice just wants to burst.

The Notre Dame quarterback heard his critics, heard about the longshot odds, and now he'd like to pass out a few "I-told-you-sos." The desire is oozing from every pore of his body, just begging to escape.

Rice, though, keeps it stuffed inside of him and mutters, "It's not the Notre Dame way."

"You hear this and that about Notre Dame and how you're supposed to act," Rice said. "I don't brag. I put other people up before me. There's a lot of things I've wanted to say, but I can't."

Yes, you can, Tony. Put all your doubters, of which you've had many, in their place. Get it off your chest. Tell them once and for all.

Rice smiled. "People ask do I have anything to prove?" he said. "I want to say yes, but I can't. The only person I have to prove anything to is myself. Let my actions speak for themselves."

Rice's actions speak quite nicely, thank you. He came to Notre Dame with many raps against him. But it doesn't look as if he'll leave with any.

Before Rice even took a class at Notre Dame, people were saying that he wouldn't survive the school's rigid academic standards. They appeared to be right at first, when Rice had to sit out his freshman year as a Proposition 48 victim.

Rice, though, has persevered in the classroom. It has been a struggle, he said, but he's on course to get his degree in psychology next year.

Then there was the rap that Rice was a one-dimensional quarterback: can run, can't pass. "I can pass," Rice replied.

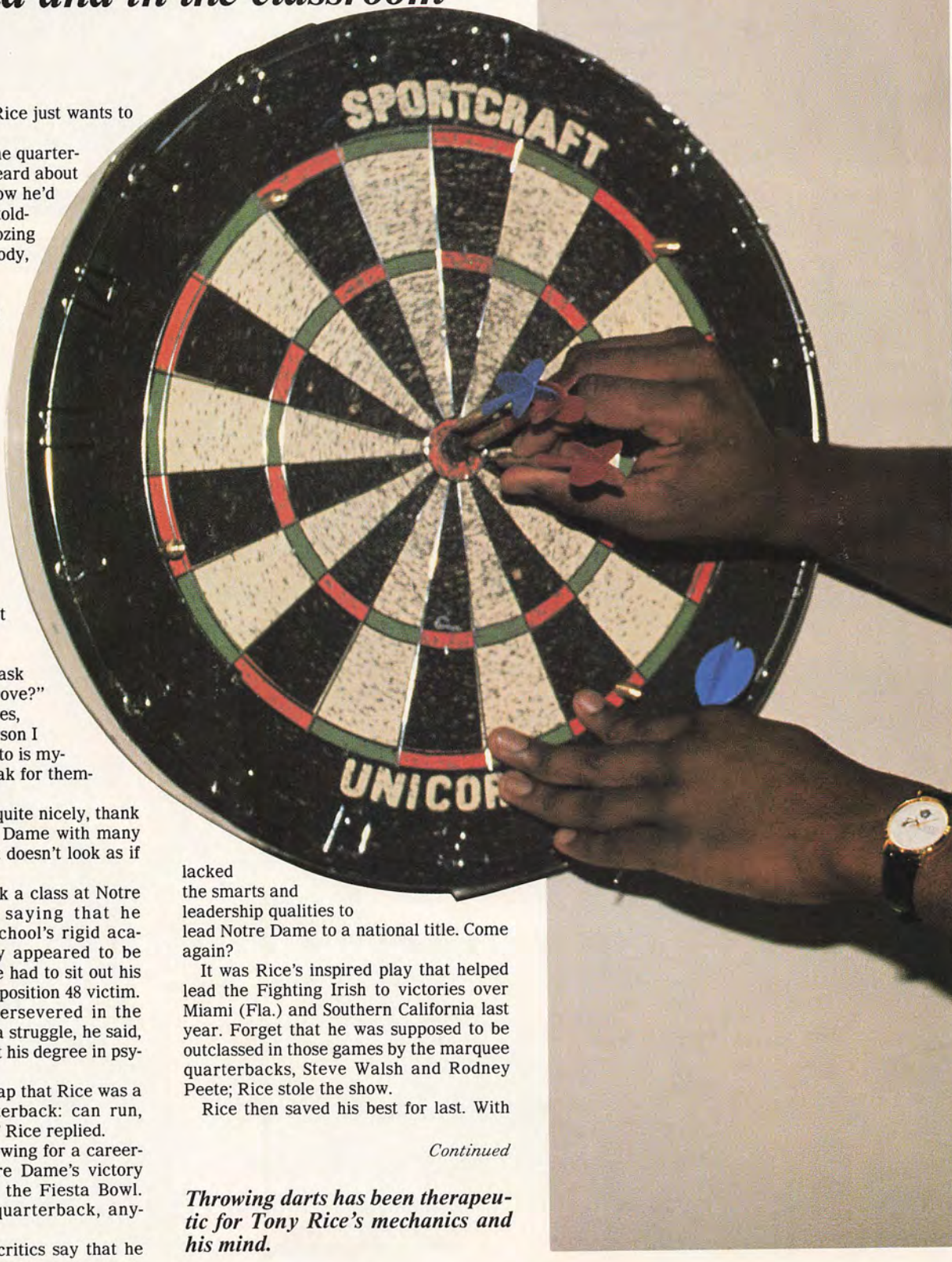
And pass he did, throwing for a career-high 213 yards in Notre Dame's victory over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. Who was that other quarterback, anyway? Corporal Harris?

Finally, Rice heard critics say that he lacked the smarts and leadership qualities to lead Notre Dame to a national title. Come again?

It was Rice's inspired play that helped lead the Fighting Irish to victories over Miami (Fla.) and Southern California last year. Forget that he was supposed to be outclassed in those games by the marquee quarterbacks, Steve Walsh and Rodney Peete; Rice stole the show.

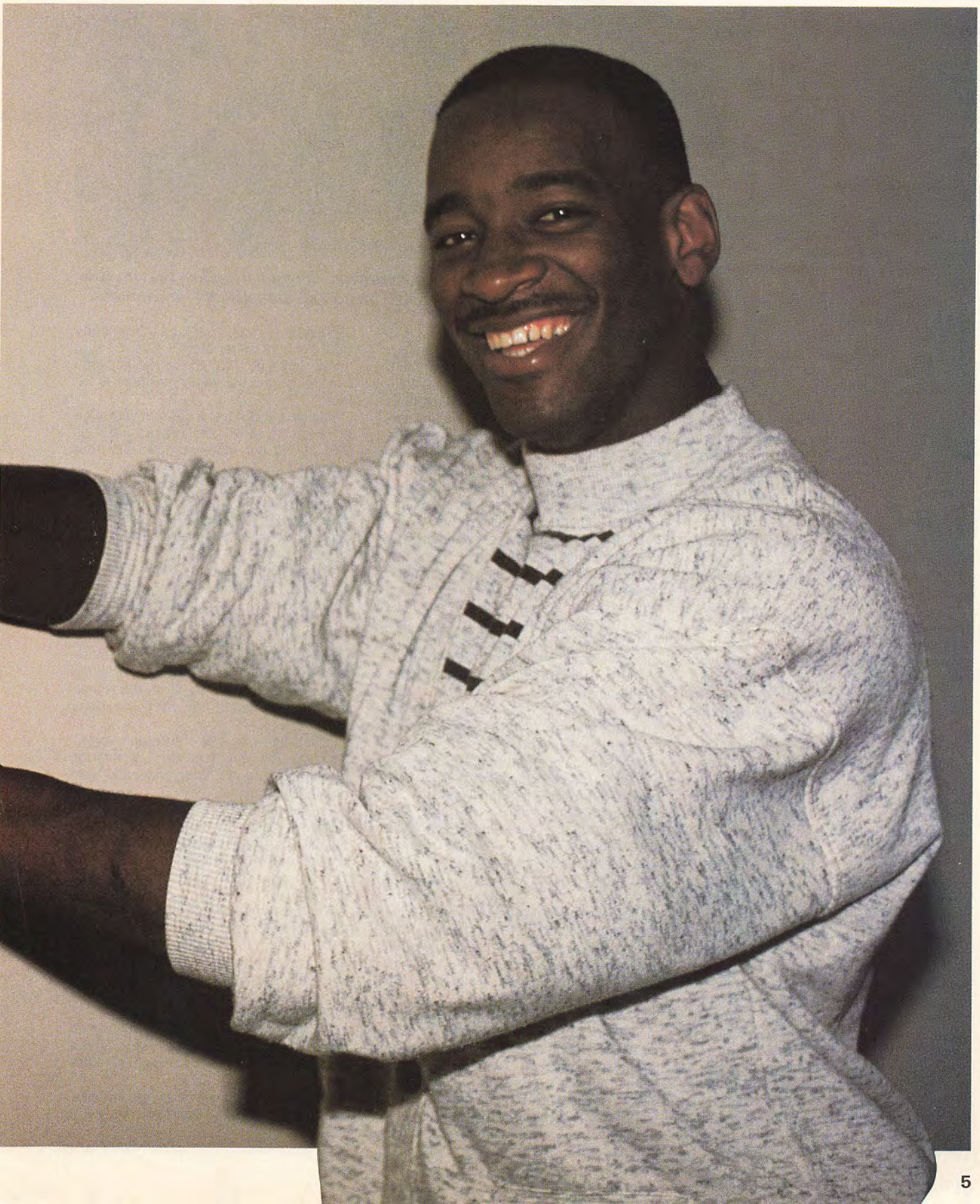
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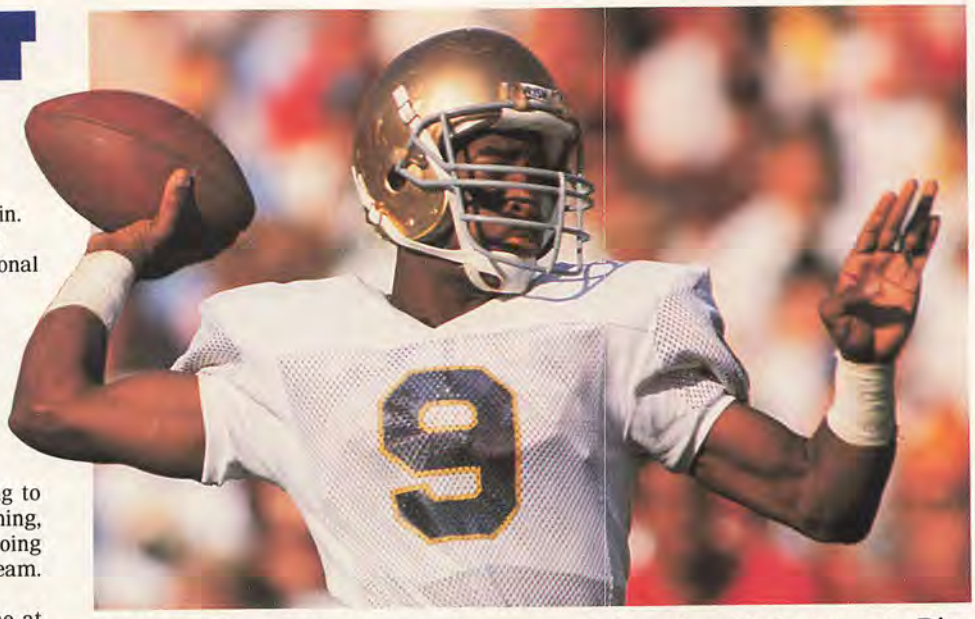


Throwing darts has been therapeutic for Tony Rice's mechanics and his mind.

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While leading Notre Dame to the national championship last season, Rice silenced the critics who had labeled him a one-dimensional quarterback.

everything on the line in the Fiesta Bowl, he threw two touchdown passes to capture NBC's player of the game honors in Notre Dame's 34-21 win. That victory put the cap on the Irish's perfect 12-0 season and their first national title since 1977.

"He's always been a winner and a competitor," Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz said. "He has this innate ability. He's simply going to beat you."

Said teammate Ricky Watters: "Tony Rice does everything it takes to win.

"If you stop him passing, he's going to beat you running. If you stop him running, he's going to beat you passing. He's going to get it done. He's the glue to this team. Bottom line, he's a winner."

Rice wants to win it one more time at Notre Dame.

"We were playing so well, I wished the season wouldn't end," the 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior said. "We were on such a roll. We're going to be on a roll August 31 (when Notre Dame faces Virginia in the Kickoff Classic). We want to keep on rolling."

Rice is on a roll. Indeed, these are heady times for the Notre Dame quarterback. He was on more magazine covers last fall than Michael Jackson. Such is the fame that goes along with playing quarterback at Notre Dame, especially for an Irish team that was ranked No. 1.

Success, though, has a price. The 21-year-old senior has found that he is treated differently now that he's the superstar on campus.

"People are watching you all the time," Rice said. "They're watching every move you make. You've got to live up to all the ghosts at Notre Dame. People look at you, and it's like they want you to mess up so you can be reported. People should look at you like you're anyone else. It's not fair, but that's the way it is."

For his part, Rice says success hasn't changed him. "I'm still the same Tony Rice," he said. "People expect you to change, but I haven't. I want to be looked upon as a guy who will do anything for a person. I like to laugh. You're never going to see me frown."

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Rice grew up smiling in Woodruff, S.C., a textiles town of 6,000 people. He was raised by his mother and grandmother. His father died a couple of years ago.

"I didn't have the same relationship with my father like most kids did," Rice said. "I always considered my grandmother and mother to be my mom and dad."

Rice's family didn't have much money, but he said, "I had a nice childhood."

A shy kid, Rice quickly established his presence as an athlete. He was a four-year letterman in both football and basketball, and he lettered twice in track. He led Woodruff High School to two straight South Carolina Class-AA football titles, and the other two years his team lost in the state championship game.

Rice credits his coach, Willie Varner, with laying a proper foundation for him. "He's like Coach Holtz," Rice said. "He puts a lot of pressure on you. He does things to make you better. He told me second place isn't good enough. He's the best at what he does."

Varner has a similarly high opinion of his former quarterback. "The thing I've always liked about Tony is that he's someone you can talk to and reason with," Varner said. "He'll take criticism and work hard until he gets it right."

The dying stigma of being a black quarterback never concerned Rice. "It's another stamp they put on you," said Rice, who idolized Seattle's Jim Zorn, not Tampa Bay's (and now Washington's) Doug Williams, as a youngster. "It didn't bother me. I just considered myself another quarterback."

Rice eventually was named a prep All-America, and that brought a stream of recruiters to his door. He felt intense pressure to stay home and go to nearby Clemson, but it was that pressure that steered him away from the Tigers.

"Coach Varner helped me out," Rice said. "He told me to tell him if there was any school giving me trouble. Clemson was one of those schools. He told them kindly that I wasn't interested in going there."

Rice became interested in Notre Dame. He liked the university's national exposure, and he knew a few graduates of the school who told him about Notre Dame life. "I thought maybe I can have the same life style, too," he said.

It wasn't that way at first. His lofty ideals turned into harsh reality when he arrived on campus and his score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test fell 10 points below the NCAA minimum. Suddenly, he was no longer Tony Rice, the quarterback. He was Tony Rice, a Prop 48.

"I went to a pep rally before the Michigan game my freshman year," Rice said. "Everybody was cheering. Somebody said, 'What's your name?' When I told them, they said, 'Oh, you're the guy who can't play because of Proposition 48.' It hurt."

The pain still lingers. "I got a stamp on my head: Prop 48. That wasn't fair," he said. "Don't put someone down like that so fast."

Rice has the dubious distinction of being in the first and last Notre Dame class to take Proposition 48 students. He doesn't agree with Notre Dame's policy on the subject.

"Notre Dame gave me a chance to get a degree," Rice said. "They should give other students a fair chance, because they gave me a fair chance."

Rice will never forget the education he received his first year. As a Prop 48 casualty, he couldn't even practice with the team. He tried watching from the stands, but that just made him miss the game even more.

"I felt like I was in a different world," Rice said. "It was frustrating. It was the best thing and worst thing that could have happened to me."

On the positive side, Rice was able to climb to more solid footing academically. Indeed, his toughest battles come not on the football field, but in the classroom. "It's not easy," Rice said. "I'm still fighting."

And he's surviving despite all the odds against him. The issue came to a head in the summer of 1988 when a South Bend broadcaster reported that Rice would be academically ineligible for the coming season. The story was wrong, and the sportscaster apologized and resigned.

Rice has become almost impervious to such slights. Once again, he responds with his standard line: Let the record speak for itself.

"I hadn't taken one class here, and people were saying I wouldn't make it

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through," Rice said. "I had to laugh. I don't give up. I have one more year to go to get my degree. I want to make it through Notre Dame."

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It's late in the second quarter in the Fiesta Bowl, and Notre Dame is about to put the game away. Working from West Virginia's 29-yard line, Rice steps into the pocket and throws. Talk about threading a needle. Rice's pass chisels a straight line in the Arizona air. The ball dissects one West Virginia defender to the left, another to the right. Behind them, Raghib (Rocket) Ismail makes the catch without breaking stride. He lopes into the end zone, giving Notre Dame a 22-3 lead before the extra point. Game over. It was the perfect pass from the quarterback who supposedly couldn't pass.

"It was a great, great pass," Holtz said. "It was as good a pass as I've ever seen."

"For a guy who wasn't supposed to be able to throw," Mountaineers Coach Don Nehlen said, "Rice sure looked pretty good to me."

Rice also had looked pretty good when he saw his first extended action four games into the '87 season, his sophomore year. He was thrust into the picture when Terry Andrysiak broke his collarbone against Pittsburgh with the Irish trailing, 27-0. Rice took over in the second half and rallied the team, but Notre Dame still lost, 30-22.

Unfortunately for Rice, that game wasn't a sign of things to come. He struggled to learn the system, and his inexperience showed. He completed only 35 of 82 passes for 663 yards and one touchdown in 10 games (six starts) that year.

"I was trying too hard," Rice said. "I wasn't playing to enjoy the game."

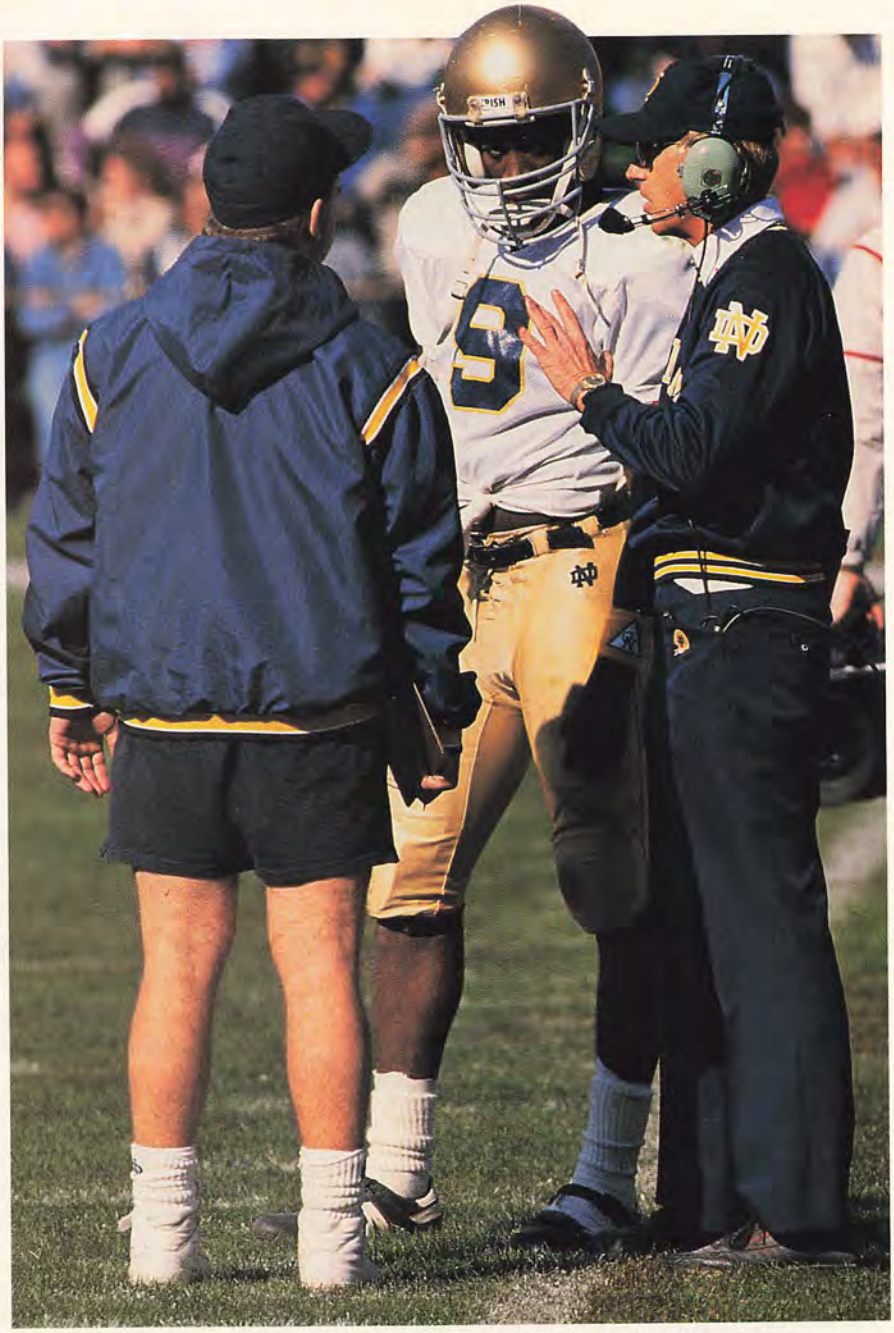
Said Holtz: "He didn't go through spring practice, and now all of the sudden he's starting on the college level. A lot of people came to the conclusion that he was indecisive. That wasn't fair. He simply was inexperienced."

There never was any doubt that Rice could run the football. Using his 4.48-second speed in the 40-yard dash, Rice rushed for 337 yards and seven touchdowns as a sophomore. He is Notre Dame's big threat on the option. Key on the running backs and Rice will fake, tuck the ball in and head upfield, usually untouched for many yards. Just ask Southern Cal, which saw Rice pull that trick for a 65-yard touchdown run last November. It set the tone for the No. 1-ranked Irish in their 27-10 victory over the second-ranked Trojans.

"Being an option quarterback, I love to run," Rice said. "But when you run, you get hit a lot. When you pass, you don't get hit as much. I want to be able to do both."

Rice, however, believed he couldn't do either at the end of his sophomore year. The low point came when he saw only limited action in the Cotton Bowl.

"It seemed like I was doing everything, but I wasn't doing it well enough," Rice said. "I started to wonder if they still liked me. I thought they lost confidence in me."



Coach Lou Holtz maintains he never lost confidence in Rice.

Holtz maintains he never lost confidence in Rice. "As long as he didn't lose confidence in himself," the coach said, "he was going to be our quarterback."

Holtz, who is famous for poor-mouthing his own team, spent much of last season telling the media that his quarterback couldn't pass. But he knew Rice had a strong arm, and he thought the mechanics were there, too. He saw Rice throw great passes in practice. Games, though, were a different story. In defense-dominated victories over Michigan and Michigan State in Notre Dame's first two games last year, Rice completed only five of 21 passes for 90 yards and was intercepted twice.

"I told him he should take eight or nine valium to calm himself down," Holtz said. "He'd get in a game and start overstriding. The ball would be going all over the place. It was a matter of him developing some consistency."

Master psychologist Holtz offered Rice a simple suggestion: "I told him to spend 39 cents on a dart board." Holtz's theory was that the release in throwing a dart—cock the arm and flick the wrist—was the same as throwing a football. Rice threw dart after dart after dart. Thousands of them. The dart board died a slow death.

The therapy worked. While throwing the darts, Rice realized something about himself.

"At first, I really wondered if maybe people were right about me," he said. "Then I started to realize that it was all in my mind. I said: 'Man, people say a lot of things. Forget it.' I decided that I was going to go out there and push it to the limit. Make every play the best you can."

Suddenly, Rice became the focal point on offense. The leader in him emerged.

"Ever since I met him, he's had this attitude that 'I've got everything covered, no matter what,' " Watters said. "He's like a general out there."

Assistant coach Pete Cordelli agrees. "He's the best competitor I've been around," Cordelli said. "Every challenge he's had, he's met."

Rice's game came together against Miami last season. He passed for a career-high 195 yards, and the Irish needed every yard in winning the year's best game, 31-30.

Rice didn't let up. In big game No. 2, against USC, the Irish's first possession was on their own 2-yard line. On the first play, Rice stepped to the rear of the end zone and hit Ismail with a 55-yard bomb.

For the season, Rice connected on 70 of 138 passes for 1,176 yards and eight touchdowns, which wasn't bad considering his miserable start. He also led the team with 700 yards rushing, scoring nine touchdowns.

"I often ask myself, 'Why did I believe in him when nobody else did?' " Holtz said. "He brings together a great chemistry for this team. He takes coaching well. He has a wonderful, stable disposition."

Rice also has recognition, finally, after coming out on top in battles with Walsh and Peete. He then made believers of his few remaining doubters in the Fiesta Bowl. Typically, Rice had to take a back seat in the pregame hype as West Virginia's Major Harris got all the attention. When Rice took the stand, he heard all the old questions.

"The whole week it was 'Tony Rice can't pass,' " Rice said. "So what else is new?"

Rice then went out and passed the Irish to victory. He threw only 11 passes, but completed seven for 213 yards. For good measure he added a team-high 75 yards on the ground. Afterward, Rice beamed from college football's highest peak.

"I can talk all I want to now," said Rice, who, of course, didn't.

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Rice hopes the National Football League is in his future.

"I'd like that," he said. "I'll play any position."

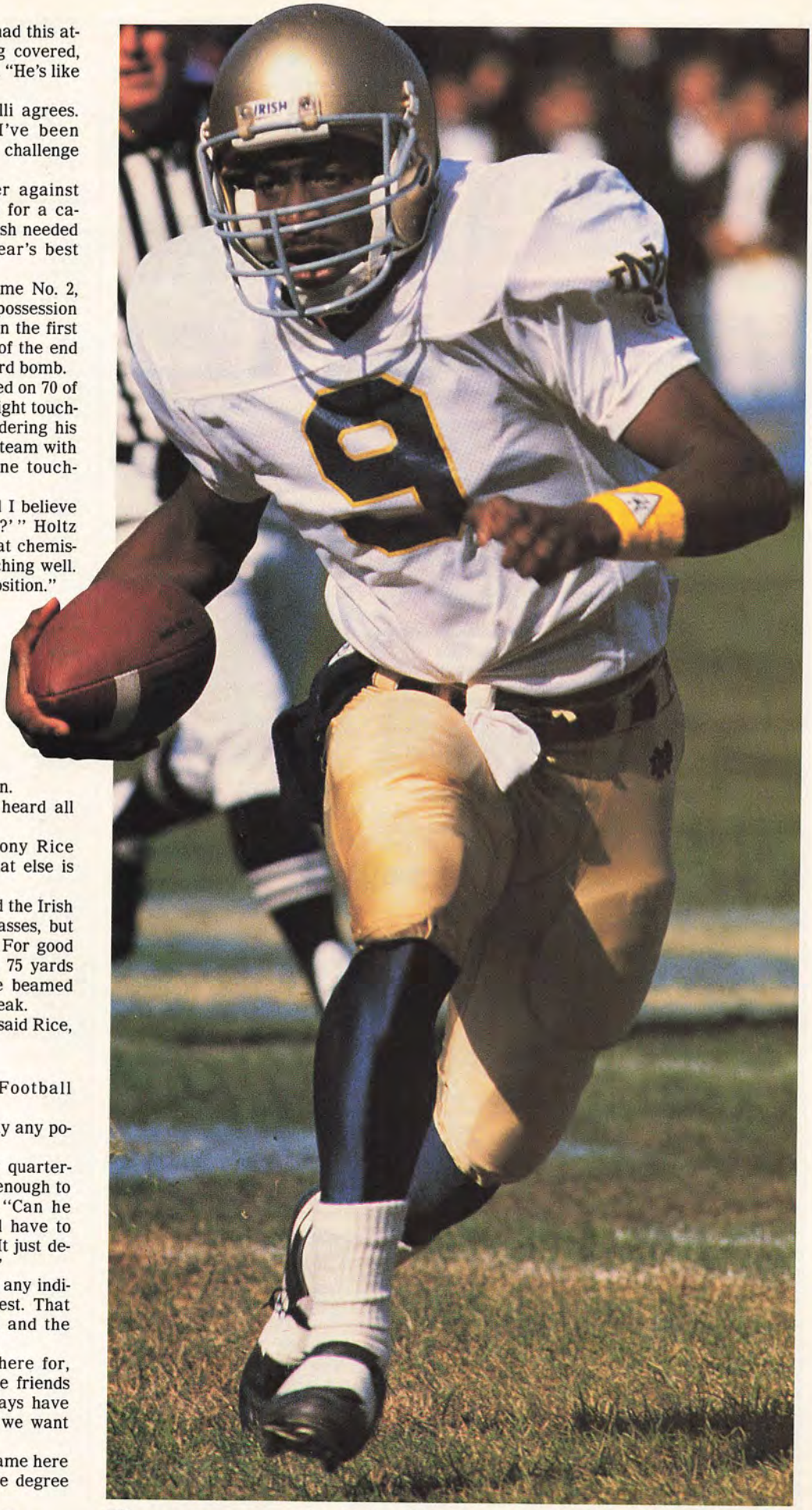
Holtz believes Rice can play quarterback. "I think his arm is strong enough to play in the pros," Holtz said. "Can he throw accurately enough? He'll have to work on that. He has no limits. It just depends on how much he wants it."

If the past couple of years are any indication, Rice wants to be the best. That goes for both the football field and the classroom.

"Almost everything I came here for, I've got," Rice said. "My college friends will be there for life. We'll always have the national championship, and we want another one."

Then there's the last goal. "I came here to get my degree," he said. "The degree will tell it all."

It'll be the final "I-told-you-so." ■



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Three high-spirited hitmen from Houston give Colorado the foundation of one heck of a defense

By B.G. BROOKS
Rocky Mountain News

Before the first quarterback was hounded and buried or the first running back was straightened up behind the line of scrimmage and then summarily knocked senseless last fall, Colorado's H-Boys huddled and pondered if there was *something* else they could do to heighten the intensity of their friendly competition.

Food, a subject never far from their minds, was proposed as a suitable motivator. So, the H-Boys—also known as Kanavis McGhee, Alfred Williams and Arthur Walker—agreed on a wager: Whichever player finished the 1988 season ahead of the other two in overall defensive statistics would be treated to dinner by the runners-up.

Choice idea. There might be better ways to inspire a defensive feeding frenzy than by dangling a free dinner before a couple of ravenous outside linebackers (McGhee and Williams) and a voracious defensive tackle (Walker), but then the NCAA might object. This, the wager of a dinner among friends, was certainly within the guidelines of what's fair and honorable in college athletics.

Thus inspired, the H-Boys—self-tagged because they're all from Houston, where they attended high schools no more than 15 minutes apart—cruised into Colorado's '88 season fueled by visions of postseason bowls—both the gridiron and kitchen varieties.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the free dinner.

"We welshed on the bet," Williams said with a chuckle. "I guess we owe him (McGhee) a dinner, but then again, I really don't know. When the season was over, we never did take time to figure out how the total points turned out.

"I led in four categories, and he led in two. But he had the (total) tackles, and I guess that pretty much said it all."

Welshing on the bet was neither a conspiracy against McGhee nor total apathy on the parts of Williams and Walker. The three simply didn't feel like celebrating. After entering the season with hopes that soared higher than the Rocky Mountain peaks that flank the Boulder campus, the Buffaloes finished with an 8-4 record, including a loss to Brigham Young in the Freedom Bowl. Their other three losses were against Big Eight Conference opponents, leaving them fourth in the league.

Even for three guys who average almost 250 pounds each, late December brought a noticeable loss of appetite. In the year's biggest games, the Buffs had come up short each time. They lost by three to Oklahoma (17-14), seven to Nebraska (7-0) and three to BYU (20-17). Forget food.

What's more, McGhee's season had ended prematurely. In the fourth quarter of Colorado's next to last regular-season game, he was pursuing Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor when a wide receiver anchored himself around his legs.

"He blocked me from behind," McGhee recalled, "and the pack was coming toward me. I went to make the tackle, but the guy was on my ankle. So it was still planted. I twisted, but my ankle didn't."

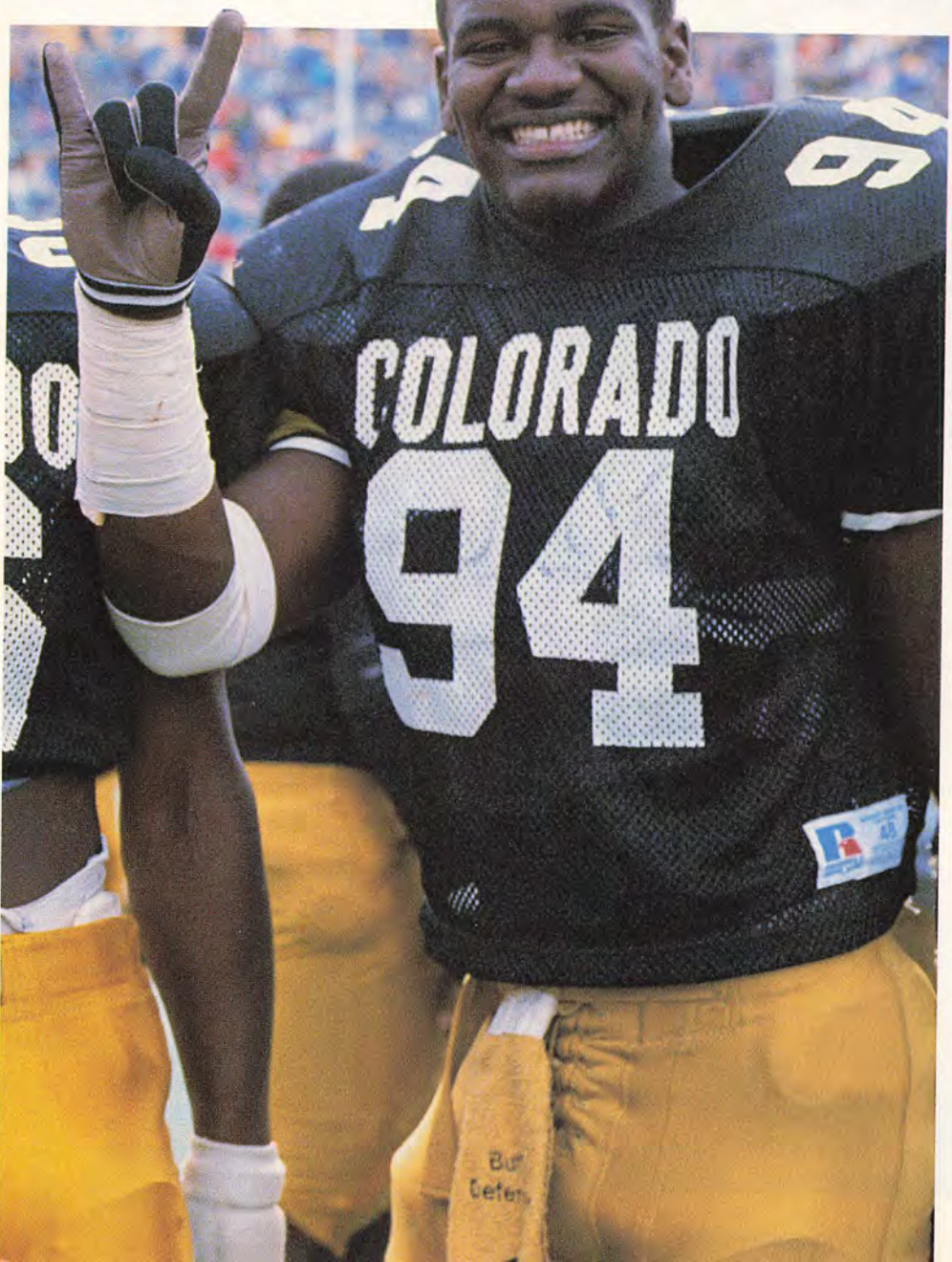
Initially, McGhee felt nothing. But the reaction of Colorado safety Tim James told him that he would before long.

"Tim was standing above me and said, 'Oh my God, we'd better get Dave (Burton, Colorado's director of sports medicine),' " McGhee said. "I looked at my foot and it was twisted all the way around. I tried to turn it back as far as I could and got it part of the way back. Then the pain started."

The ankle was broken, and a season in which McGhee was named to The Sporting News' All-America second team was over.

So, with one of the H-Boys sidelined and a bowl loss to come, the importance of their preseason wager dwindled. But Williams' unofficial tabulation of tackles,

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The H-Boys: (from left) defensive tackle Arthur Walker and linebackers Kanavis McGhee and Alfred Williams.

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sacks, tackles for losses, fumbles forced and recovered, passes broken up and quarterback hurries—all criteria used to determine the dinner winner—had been correct. Even after missing the regular-season finale, McGhee was the trio's overall winner. He was the Buffaloes' second-leading tackler with 102 (66 unassisted), and he had 5½ sacks (second on the team to Williams' six), five other tackles for losses (tied with Williams for second to Walker's seven) and seven quarterback hurries (one more than both Williams and Walker). Williams had 59 tackles (43 solos) and Walker 67 (29 solos), while Williams led the threesome with four pass deflections, two fumbles forced and two fumbles recovered.

Put in team perspective, the H-Boys accounted for 12 of Colorado's 25 sacks last season, 17 of the Buffs' other 39 tackles for losses and 19 of their 50 quarterback hurries.

McGhee, Williams and Walker clearly are the key to Colorado's defense, which was tied for 18th in Division I-A scoring defense last year, allowing just 16 points per game. While Walker, a senior, is emerging as one of the best tackles in the Big Eight, McGhee and Williams, both juniors, might be college football's best tandem of outside linebackers.

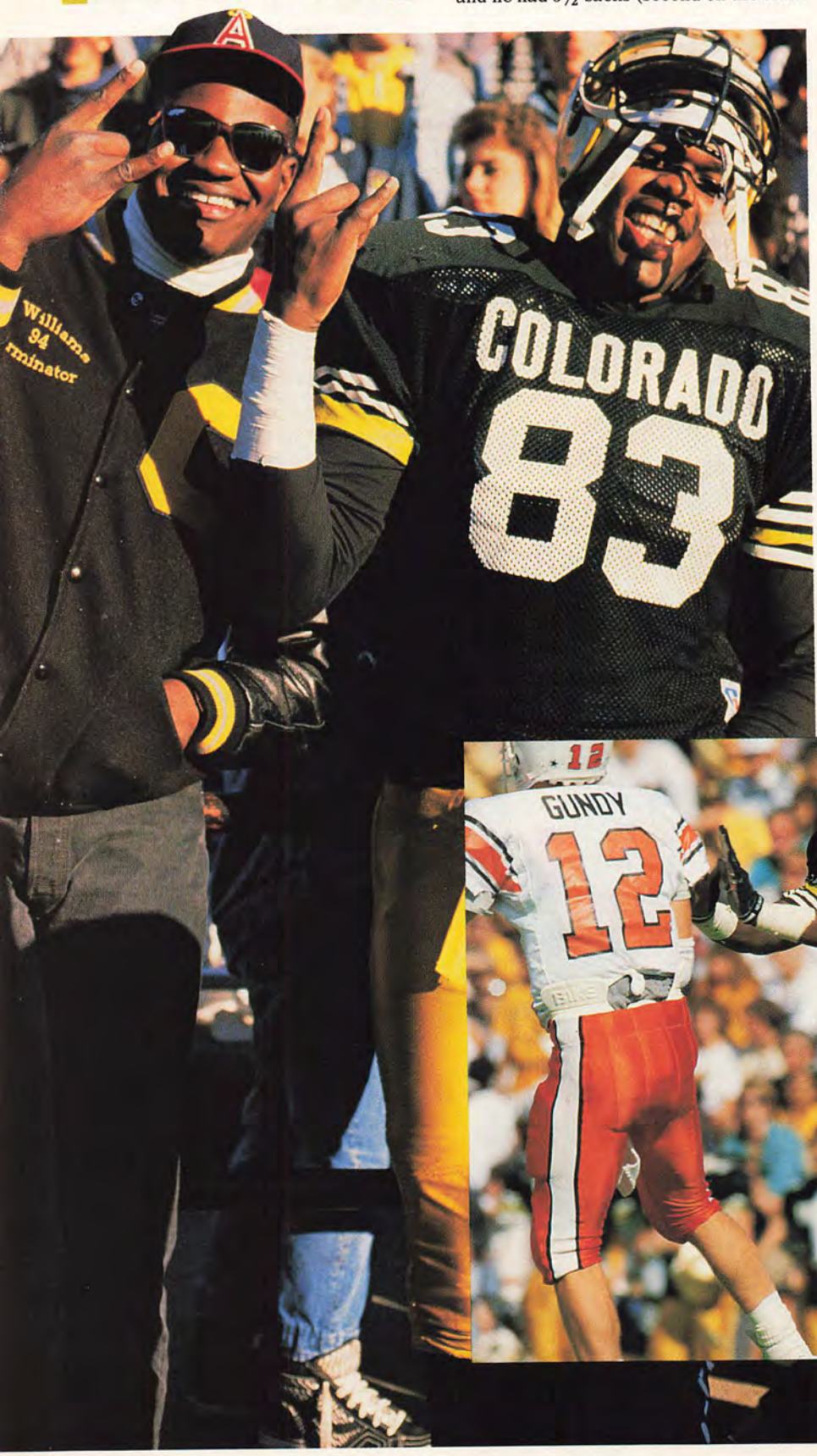
Colorado defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz was hesitant to go that far.

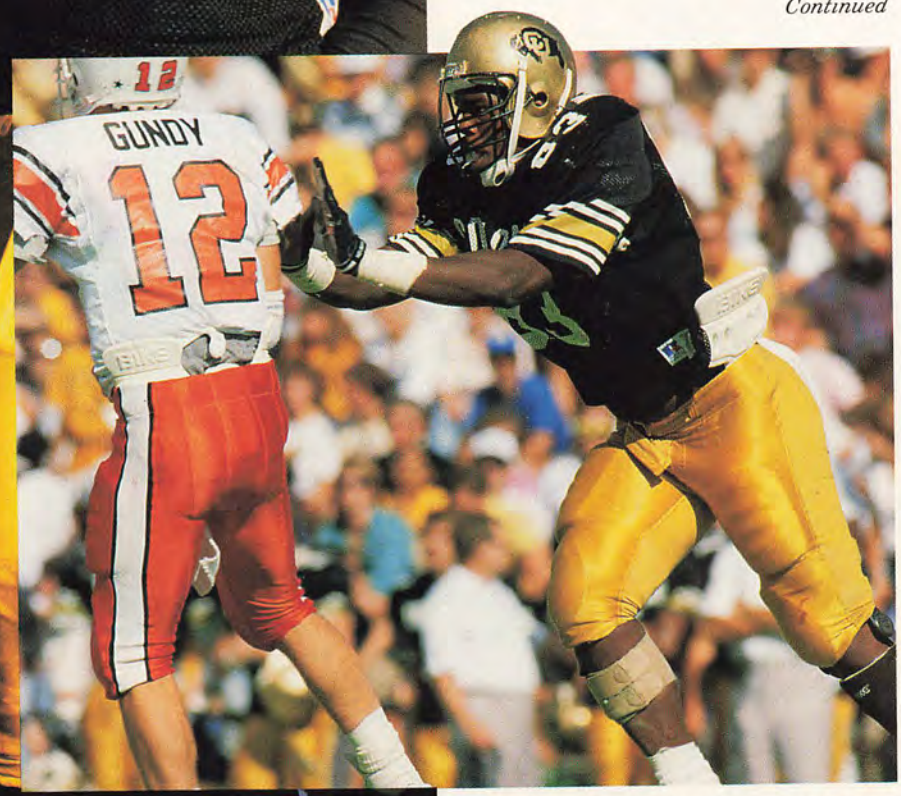
"It might be a little bit of an overstatement and a little premature," he said, "because both are juniors.... A year from now, if they (McGhee and Williams) continue to improve like we think they can, we might be able to make that statement about them."

Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones was thinking along the same lines.

"They are very physical forces that you certainly have to be aware of," Jones said. "Potentially, they're both big-time pass rushers, and if they stay on track, they're certainly all-league, all-everything-type candidates. But I don't think they're there

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yet. They've just played two years, and they're just now to the point—from a maturity standpoint—where they're realizing how good they can be."

Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, who saw McGhee make an incredible 23 tackles against the Sooners last year, said that while he doesn't know how they rank on a national basis, he knows no other Big Eight team has a comparable pair of outside linebackers.

"They're both outstanding players," he said. "We recruited both of them. They possess all the talents that you want. Plus, this year they've got the great backlog of experience. They should arrive this year."

As far as Lou Tepper is concerned, they've already arrived. Tepper was Colorado's defensive coordinator before leaving to take the same post at Illinois in 1988.

"I mentioned to Gene Dahlquist, our offensive coordinator, that Colorado might (be the first school to) have the first pair of first-round draft choices at that position that I can remember," Tepper said. "I know I can't remember seeing a pair like that. There's none in the Big Ten, I know that. And the scary thing is, they've got two more years to play."

Whether or not they are the best pair in the business, McGhee and Williams combine with Walker to give Colorado the foundation of a great defense—the kind that can produce a Big Eight championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Since McGhee and Williams came to Boulder in 1987, the Buffaloes have allowed more than 24 points only twice—both in losses to Oklahoma State. The H-Boys do not intend to let anybody run roughshod over them again this season, and they think they have what it takes to get the better of the Big Eight's traditional powers.

"We played some good teams real close," McGhee said, "but that's not good enough for us now. All that does is let them, their fans and our fans know they can't just come in here anymore and walk away with a win, with no competition.

"By playing them so closely, I don't think they believe anything's automatic anymore. Now, with everybody coming back (17 starters return for Colorado), we know we can beat them. And I think they know we're good. We have an equal amount of talent. Things aren't like they were. No way."

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Last winter, sometime after McGhee should have collected his free dinner, the H-Boys turned their thoughts to fashion. It was time to order their black-and-gold Colorado letterman's jackets, and they decided to jazz them up a bit. Each player had "H-Boys" and his nickname stitched on the back of his jacket.

Pretentious? Sure. But who was going to tell them?

For reasons obvious to Big Eight quarterbacks, Williams is "The Terminator." For reasons they wish to keep to themselves, McGhee and Walker are "The Milkman" and "A-Love," respectively.

Walker, whose nickname may have something to do with his admitted fondness for the ladies, has another distinguishing characteristic: an "A" embossed on his gold front tooth.

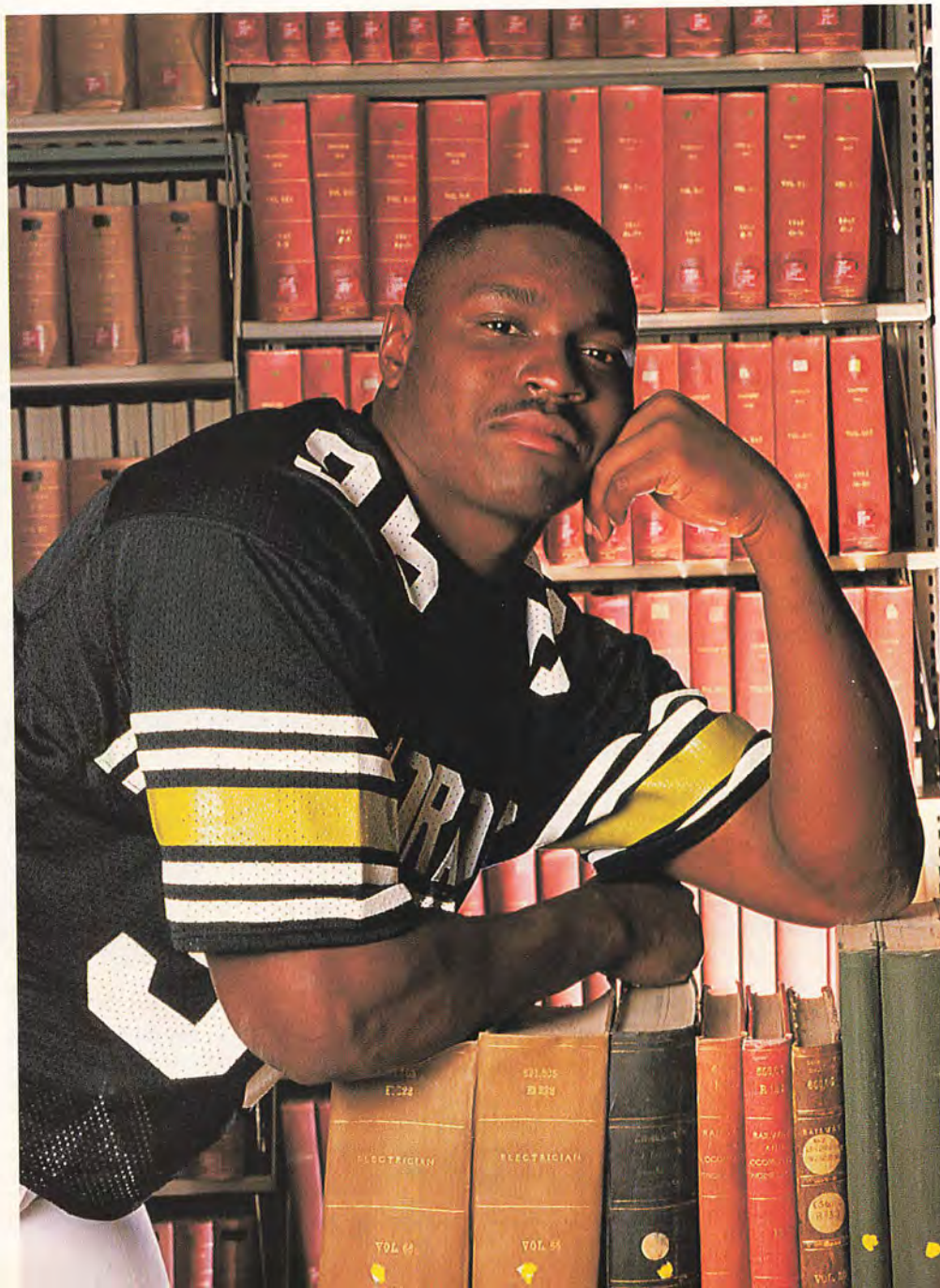
"The tooth kept getting knocked out," Walker explained, "so I figured when I got one that I wanted to be permanent, I'd do a little something different with it."

If the letterman's jacket with "H-Boys" and "A-Love" on the back doesn't get the ladies' attention, the tooth will. "Stands out a little, doesn't it?" he said, emphasizing his point with a 14-karat grin.

Besides advertising their collective nickname on their jackets, the H-Boys also do homage to their hometown with an on-field ritual that is performed after particularly big defensive plays—sacks, tackles for losses, resounding hits and so on. Their three-way, leaping high-five is hardly as rhythmic as the Ickey Shuffle, but it works well enough for McGhee, Williams and Walker.

Does it have a name? "Sure," Walker said. "We call it the 'H-Town Shuffle.' "

The way McGhee, Williams and Walker talk about Houston all the time, one would think they've been pals since they were old enough to say "Oilers." Actually, just two of the three were even acquainted in Houston. Walker, from B.T. Washington High School, didn't know the other two at all before he came to Boulder. McGhee and Williams crossed paths occasionally because Wheatley High School (McGhee's alma mater) and Jesse Jones High School (Williams') were football, track and basketball rivals. But it was a summer basketball league before their senior year in



high school that sparked their friendship. While facing each other as opposing power forwards, "we found out we had a lot of things in common," Williams said.

Comparing recruiting notes wasn't one of them. Neither McGhee nor Williams knew the other had committed to Colorado until they bumped into each other—literally—on the basketball court shortly after the national letter-of-intent signing date in 1987.

The most highly recruited of the three was Williams, a prep All-America who was rated one of the top five prospects in Texas. He was not an easy recruit. Assistant coach Steve Logan, who later left Colorado for Mississippi State, recalls the introspective Williams "literally running from recruiters" because of the intense pressure he was under.

"We'd go for weeks and weeks and nobody could ever find him," said Logan, who took Colorado Coach Bill McCartney on a pair of trips to Houston, only to have Williams stand them up both times for the home visits. Logan and McCartney persisted and made a good impression on Williams' mother, who was instrumental in persuading her highly sought son to attend Colorado.

Walker, who had signed with the Buffs a year earlier, was the campus guide when McGhee made his official recruiting visit to Boulder.

"My high school had played against his (in football)," Walker recalled. "I had seen him, but we had never been introduced. Besides, you can't get to know somebody in football gear. You can't see their faces."

But as he had with Williams, McGhee and Walker struck up a fast, strong friendship. Each now characterizes their relationship as "tight."

"We're friends for life," said Williams, who rooms with McGhee. This fall they plan to move off campus, where Walker will join them. "We've already been out looking for an apartment," Williams said.

Sooner or later, someone will get around to calling it the H-Pad.

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It behooves freshman football players to draw attention to themselves, preferably by doing something remarkable in practice. So in Williams' first major scrimmage in the fall of 1987, he juked past veteran offensive tackle Darrin Muilenburg twice and sacked Mark Hatcher, Colorado's incumbent starting quarterback, for losses of five and 10 yards.

No dummy, McCartney quickly realized what he had for the next four falls. "If he can rush the passer like that, he's going to play for us," the coach said afterward. "You can hang your hat on that."

Shortly thereafter, Williams began playing regularly as a pass-rushing outside linebacker. He finished his first season by leading Colorado with six sacks. "The first year, Alfred was way ahead of where I thought he would be," Illinois' Tepper said.

But early on, Williams and McGhee, who had not yet made such a strong freshman impression, were disillusioned.

"When we came in here," Williams said, "we were really far behind on the depth charts. We were roommates, and we talked about how uncomfortable a situation we thought we were in.

"We thought we weren't getting the playing time we should. I was playing in every game, but Kanavis didn't start playing until the third (actually the fourth) game. We tried to blame it on the coaches; then we realized that it wasn't the coaches. We had to play harder and become much more aggressive."

They did, which explains their emergence as starting defensive ends as sophomores. They now enter their junior seasons with a new title, outside linebacker, but they still are basically stand-up defensive ends.

Often described as Colorado's bookends, McGhee and Williams display styles as different as the terrain in Boulder and Stillwater.

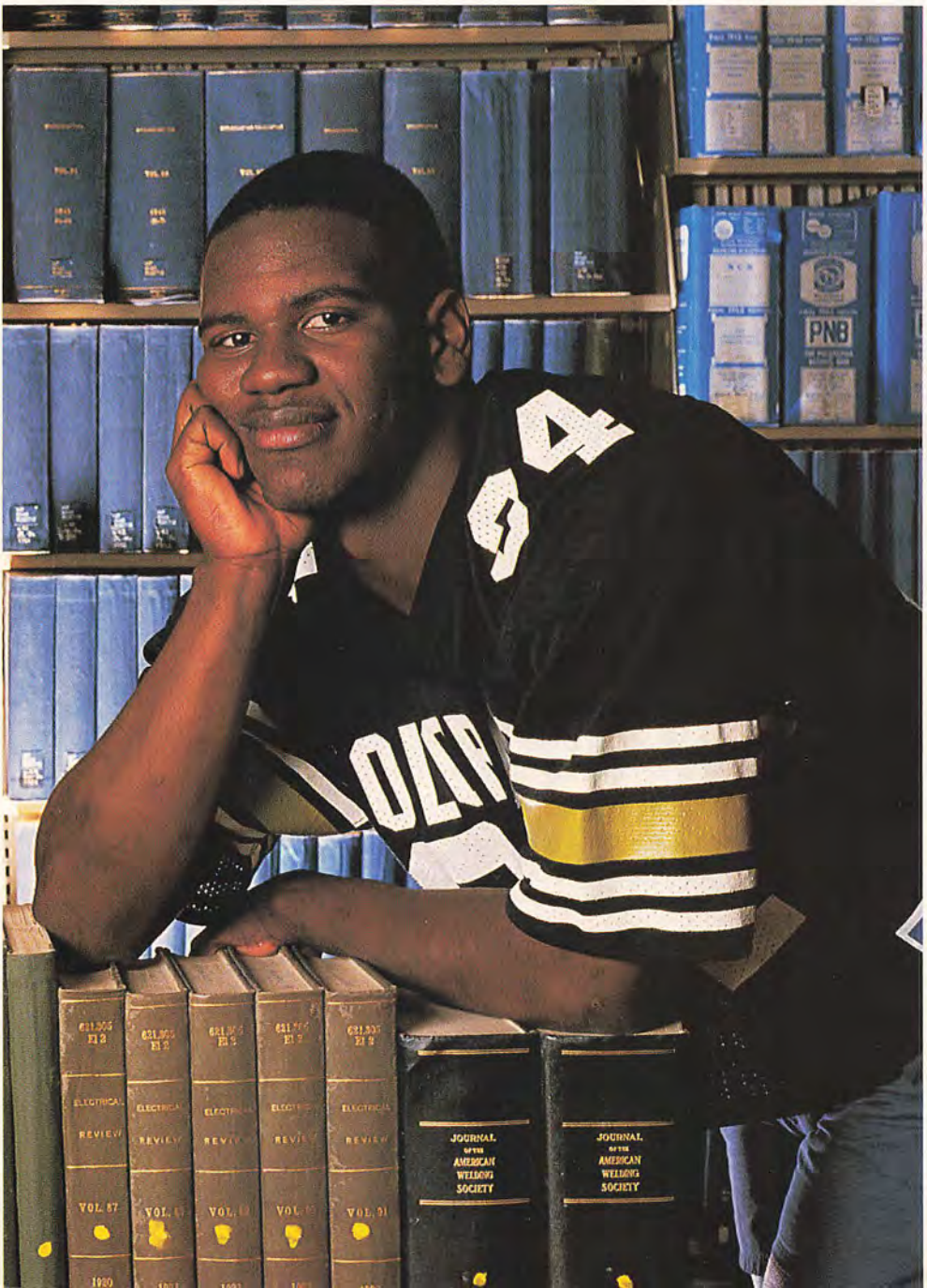
"Kanavis . . . has really developed a physical game," Williams said. "He plays with great intensity."

Williams, on the other hand, is more of a finesse player, using his quickness and agility to get past offensive linemen.

"He is such a natural pass rusher," Tepper said. "He's got an excellent spurt off the line of scrimmage and has the ability as a big guy to make himself small. A lot of times a big guy will become so weight-room strong, he loses flexibility. But (he has) basketball flexibility."

Williams might be more of a power player if he were bigger, but he can't seem to put on weight. When he arrived in Boulder, he stood 6-foot-6 and weighed 225 pounds, 20 pounds under his ideal

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Often called Colorado's bookends, juniors McGhee (left) and Williams might be the nation's best tandem of outside linebackers.

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THE BOYS

weight. Running and his off-season passion for basketball made it difficult for him to bulk up, and that still is the case. He is in great shape, but he falls about 10 pounds shy of 245.

McGhee, meanwhile, reported for his first freshman practice with 225 well-proportioned pounds on his 6-5 frame. His muscle-bound physique contributed to a style that was all force and fury.

He once was unable to confine that ferocity to the football field, and it landed him in trouble. In February 1988, McGhee got in a fight at a bar with a man who insulted Eric Bieniemy, his teammate, with a racial slur. The bar's bouncer intervened and suffered a fractured cheekbone and cuts that required plastic surgery. McGhee later was charged with second-degree assault. He received a deferred sentence and was ordered to perform community service.

Other than that incident, McGhee generally channels his intensity in a more socially acceptable manner—like knocking the bejabbers out of opposing ballcarriers. He has been starting since the sixth game of his freshman season. That was against lowly Kansas, but a week later he got a crash course in playing defense with the big boys. He was assigned the job of taking on All-America tight end Keith Jackson and stopping Jamelle Holieway, the trigger man of Oklahoma's top-ranked wishbone.

There have been, well, sounder strategies. Holieway gained 146 of the Sooners' 358 rushing yards in a 24-6 Oklahoma victory. McGhee modestly remembers Jackson, now with the Philadelphia Eagles, as a "great position blocker.... I learned a lot from him."

Moreover, that experience against the Sooners gave McGhee a mental and physical boost. "Just being able to survive a game like that was a big plus for me," he said. "It helped prepare me for the year I think we're about to have."

In further preparation for the '89 season, McGhee has bulked up to 240 pounds, a weight he hopes to maintain. He also has increased his bench-press weight from 275 to 380 pounds, and he doesn't expect his rehabilitated ankle to detract from his mobility.

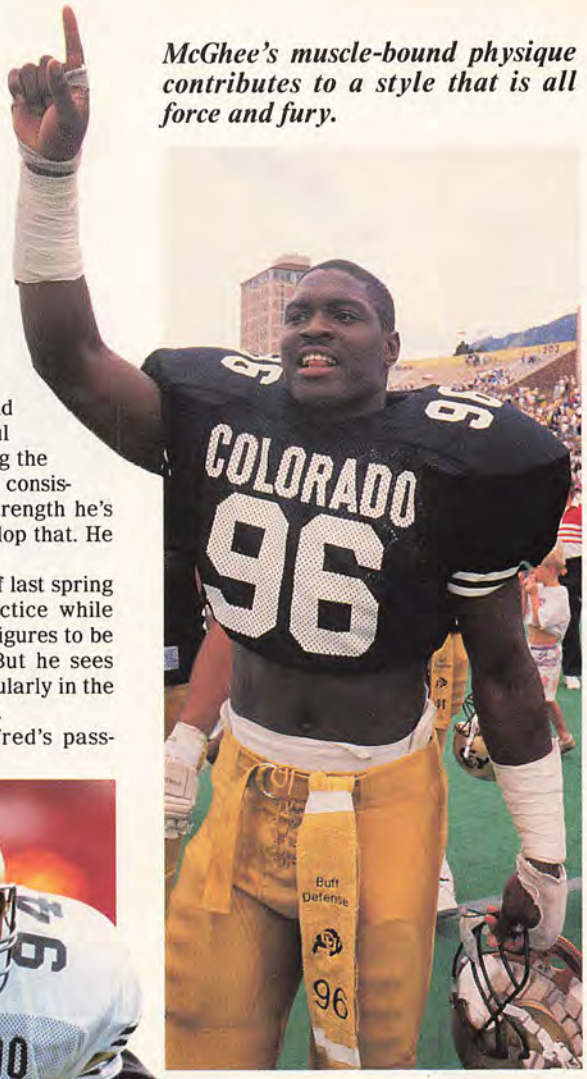
McGhee isn't the only H-Boy to show an increase in weight and strength. Colorado wants to begin this season with a beefier defensive line, and the 6-4 Walker—in the past more of a quick and agile stunter than a power player—has responded by upping his weight from 255 to 270. He now bench presses 360 pounds, up from 335 last year. If bigger is indeed better, Colorado seems to be headed in the right direction.

Though Walker has been around a year longer than McGhee and Williams, he hasn't attracted the attention that they have. He was, like Williams, a second-team All-Big Eight choice in 1988, but his younger teammates are the ones being touted as preseason All-America candidates. Still, Walker is primed for what he calls his "big hurrah," and Hankwitz believes it will happen.

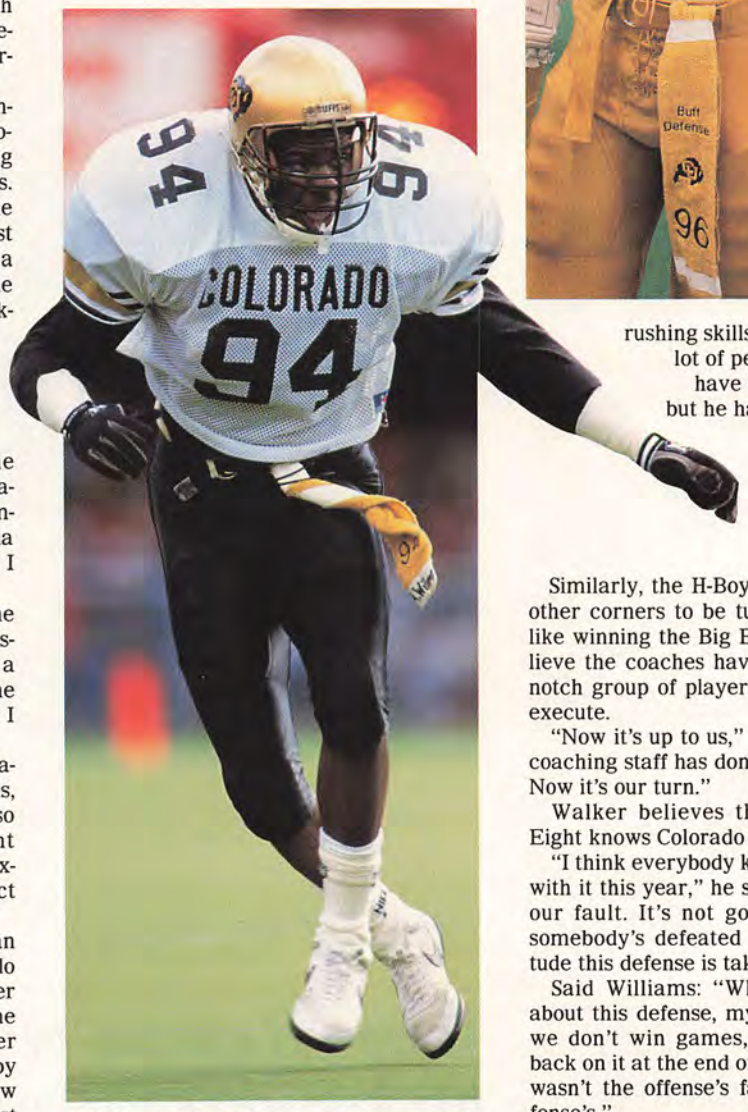
"I look for him to have his best year," Hankwitz said. "And that's because he worked awful hard in the weight room during the spring. All he's been lacking is consistency in execution, and the strength he's got now should help him develop that. He should be much better."

McGhee, who spent much of last spring watching his teammates practice while his ankle continued to mend, figures to be the best of the threesome. But he sees room for improvement, particularly in the area in which Williams excels.

"I would love to have Alfred's pass-rushing skills," McGhee said. "A lot of people say he doesn't have the strength I have, but he has football strength. And the agility he has.... I would love to be able to get around the corner like he does."



McGhee's muscle-bound physique contributes to a style that is all force and fury.



Williams is a finesse player, using quickness and agility to get past offensive linemen.

Similarly, the H-Boys believe there are other corners to be turned this season—like winning the Big Eight title. They believe the coaches have assembled a top-notch group of players; they just have to execute.

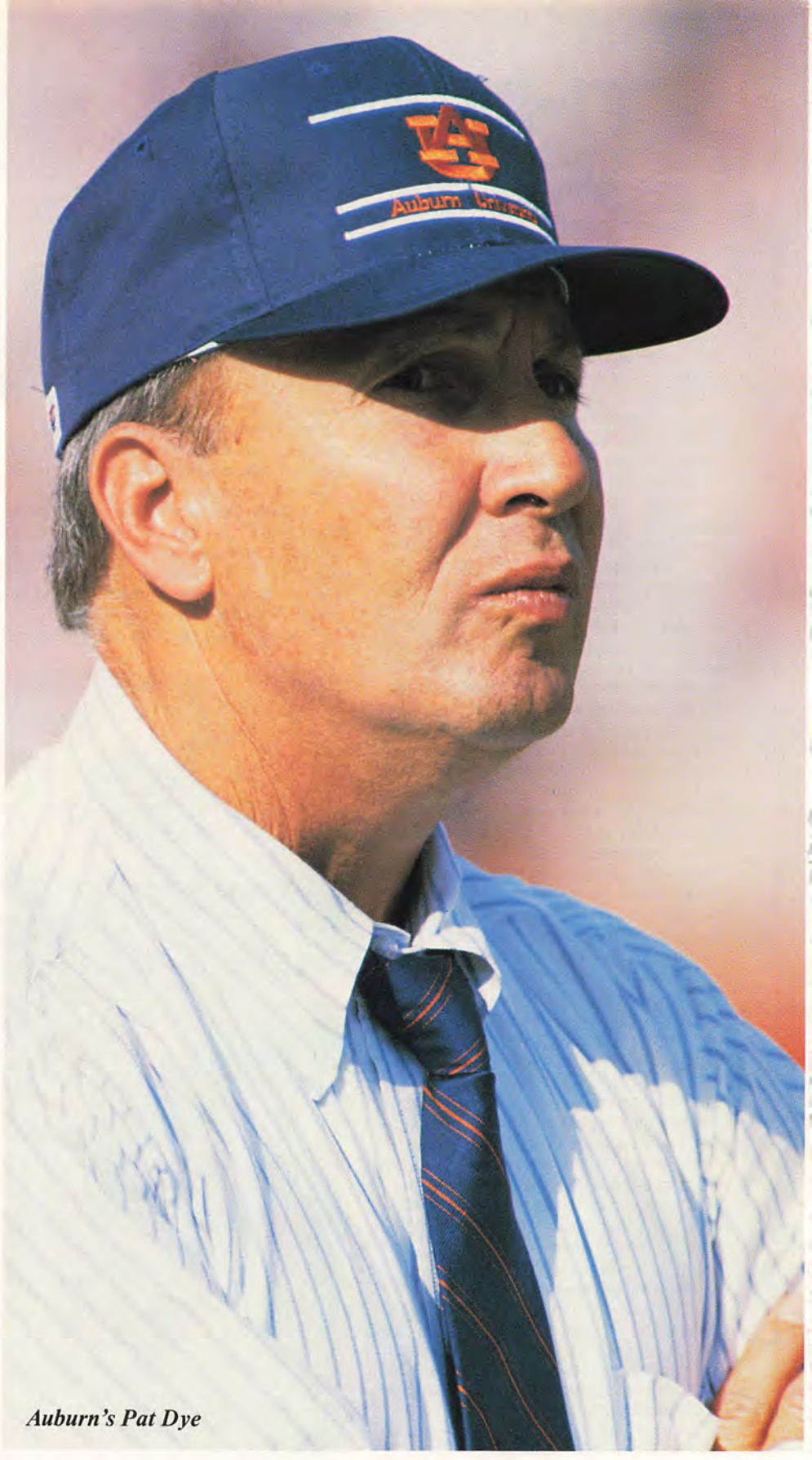
"Now it's up to us," McGhee said. "The coaching staff has done what it had to do. Now it's our turn."

Walker believes the rest of the Big Eight knows Colorado is on the rise.

"I think everybody knows we're coming with it this year," he said. "If we lose, it's our fault. It's not going to be because somebody's defeated us. That's the attitude this defense is taking now."

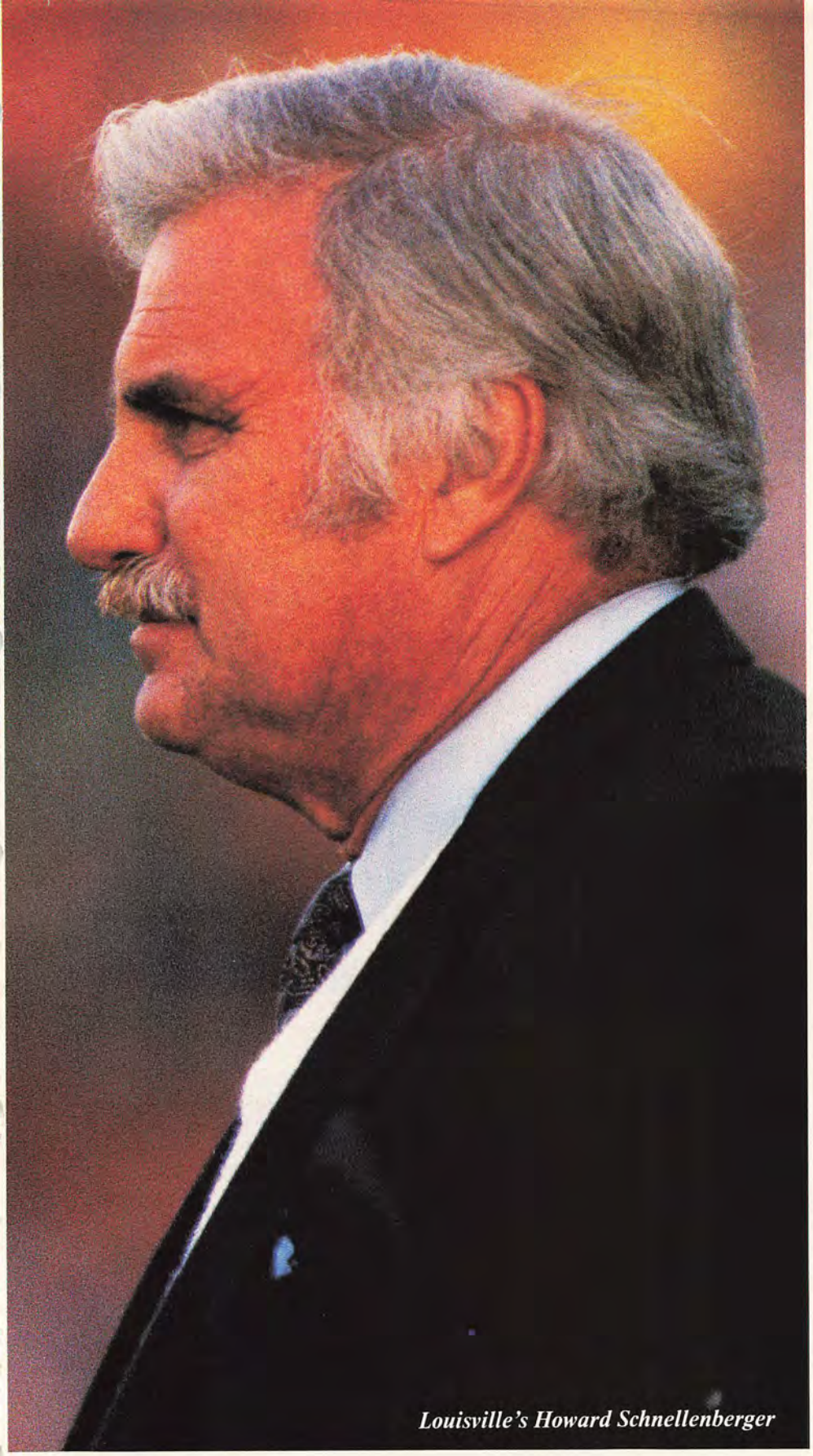
Said Williams: "When you're talking about this defense, my eyes just shine. If we don't win games, I think we'll look back on it at the end of the year and say it wasn't the offense's fault, it was the defense's."

The H-Boys want none of that. And they may even wager a dinner—payable whenever—that it won't happen. ■



Auburn's Pat Dye

When it comes to rebuilding broken-down programs, Dye and Schnellenberger have few peers



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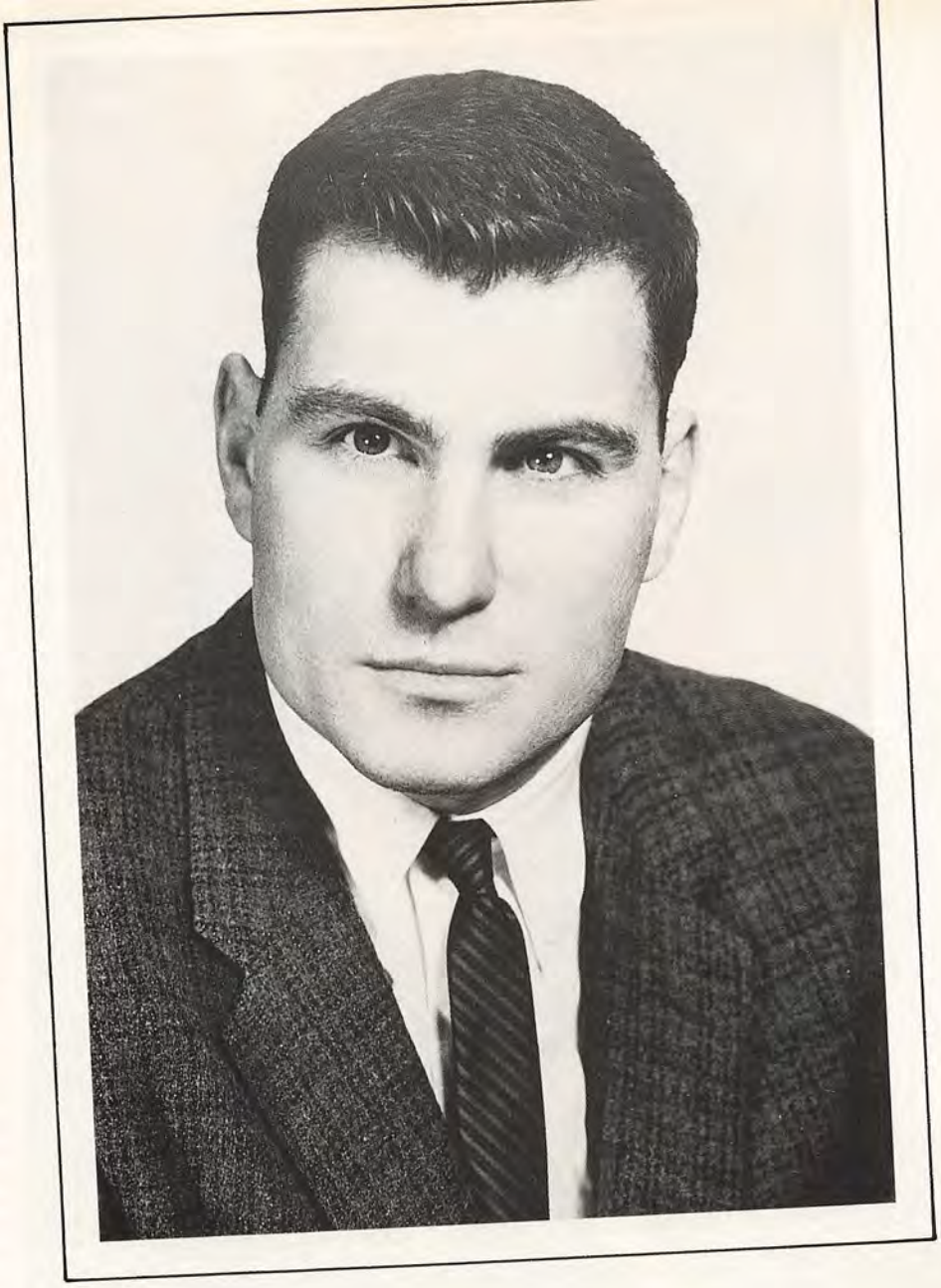
By KEVIN SCARBINSKY
Birmingham News

One's father was a farmer, the other's a mechanic. The son of a grower and the son of a fixer, Pat Dye and Howard Schnellenberger learned early the value of making something from nothing and turning bad to good.

Neither man followed in his father's career footsteps, but both have applied the essence of their fathers' work to their own. Never mind that their field is athletics, their product college football teams.

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Howard Schnellenberger (left) and Pat Dye crossed paths for one year, 1965, as Alabama assistants under Bear Bryant. Schnellenberger coached the offensive line and Dye the linebackers.

The principle is the same: Create. Build. Grow.

And they have done it masterfully. When it comes to rebuilding broken-down college football programs, Dye and Schnellenberger have few peers.

Ten years ago, Miami (Fla.) was on the verge of dropping its football program into Biscayne Bay. Two national championships later, the Hurricanes might be considered the strongest wind blowing in the game. The architect of that success was the 55-year-old Schnellenberger, who now is trying to retrace his steps at Louisville.

"It's a done deal," said Schnellenberger, who is entering his fifth year with the Cardinals. "We're on a collision course with greatness. The only variable is time."

Ten years ago, Auburn was contemplating a long future as redheaded stepchild to Alabama's Big Brother. Three Southeastern Conference championships later, the Tigers thrust out their chests as a power in the country's most powerful conference. That high-rise was constructed by the 49-year-old Dye, who still yearns to put the steeple, a national title, on his Auburn house.

"We talk about that every year," he said. "It's a goal we all want."

As any builder worth his two-by-fours will explain, every solid house needs men, material and a plan. Similar in background, having started at the bottom and worked their way up, Dye and Schnellenberger also have been similar in blueprint, building their houses in much the same way, finding their foundations in a man called The Bear.

Their paths all crossed for one year, 1965, when Paul Bryant's legend was ascending at Alabama after winning two national championships. His offensive line coach for both those titles was Howard Schnellenberger. His linebackers coach for the 1965 season, when he won another national crown, would be Pat Dye, a former standout guard at Georgia who had never coached a day in his life.

The Dyes moved into a house across the street from the Schnellenbergers. Every day the two coaches rode to work together. Sometimes they played handball. Every day they absorbed the wit and wisdom of Bryant, who knew the path up from nothing better than most.

The head coach himself had risen from the poverty of Moro Bottom, Ark., to a status fast approaching royalty in Alabama. Along the way he had turned four football programs from loser to winner: Maryland, Kentucky, Texas A&M and his alma mater, Alabama.

Three years before Bryant arrived in Tuscaloosa, the Crimson Tide went 0-10. Four years after he arrived, the Tide won the national championship, the first of six under his direction.

In the five years (1961-65) he worked for Bryant, Schnellenberger said, The Bear "was at his finest hour." Bryant did a pretty fair job of coaching during the nine seasons (1965-73) that Dye worked for him, too, winning a national championship at each end of Dye's tenure.

The Bear's two subcontractors learned many things at the master builder's feet, including:

- Recruiting. "It's all-important," Schnellenberger said. He knew firsthand because Bryant had recruited him to Kentucky even though Schnellenberger, the son of a Louisville mechanic, already had committed to Indiana. A visit one week from Bryant and the governor of Kentucky convinced Schnellenberger's father that it was OK for his son the tight end to change his decision. A visit the next week from Bryant and an archbishop convinced his mother.
- Sizing up people. Dye likes to tell how he, a green 25-year-old farm boy from Blythe, Ga., was hired by Bryant after a two-year playing stint in the Canadian Football League and a two-year hitch in the Army. He drove to Tuscaloosa from his home in Georgia wearing a new suit, from which Dye, in his excitement, had neglected to cut the tags. After his interview Bryant told him, "If I want to hire a young, inexperienced coach, I'll be sure to give you a call." But Bryant saw beyond the labels, called him and hired him.
- Working harder than anyone else. Legend has it that Bryant was in his office one predawn morning in the early '60s when he had a pressing matter to discuss with Shug Jordan, then Auburn's coach. His phone call to the Plains found no coaches in their offices yet, prompting



him to thunder at the receptionist: "What's the matter with you folks? Don't y'all take your football seriously down there?"

In all, Schnellenberger spent seven years—five as an Alabama coach and two as a Kentucky player—in Bryant's orbit. He left after the '65 season to cast his lot with the National Football League, as assistant and head coach, for the next 13 years. After sharing his first season in Tuscaloosa with Schnellenberger, Dye stayed through '73 and watched Bryant weather the storms of integration, student protest and two straight six-win seasons.

Even though they both eventually left The Bear, his influence never left them. Listen closely and you can still hear Bryant's voice in Schnellenberger's bottom-of-the-well bass tones and Dye's mouthful-of-pebbles mumble.

And their staffs are sprinkled with coaches who were similarly touched by The Bear. Louisville's running backs coach, Christ Vagotis, played at Alabama

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for Bryant and Schnellenberger. Auburn's coaching staff has three men who played for Bryant—running backs coach Bud Casey, offensive line coach Neil Callaway and defensive coordinator Wayne Hall—and a volunteer coach, Paul Davis, who spent two years as Bryant's recruiting coordinator.

Said Schnellenberger: "Coach Bryant had *the* most dramatic impact on my way of thinking and the way I do things."

Said Dye: "I learned from Coach Bryant. I don't hire coaches. I've always hired people."

That has been the case ever since Dye left Alabama in 1974 to take his first head coaching job at East Carolina, where he performed the first of his two rebuilding jobs. The Pirates' program wasn't so much down back then as it was out in the wilderness. The Pirates had won 18 games in the two years before Dye arrived in Greenville, N.C., but their victories were over such teams as Davidson and William & Mary. And they had never beaten North Carolina and never been taken seriously by the bigger school.

Under Dye, the Pirates won games (48-18-1 in six years) and respect. In his second season, Dye took East Carolina to Chapel Hill and whipped the Tar Heels, 38-17. Two weeks later he took the Pirates to Charlottesville and annihilated Virginia, 61-10. The Atlantic Coast Conference was put on notice: East Carolina wasn't the big boys' punching bag anymore.

A year later, the Pirates beat North Carolina State for the first of two consecutive seasons and lost to North Carolina by two points. The Pirates and Tar Heels didn't play each other in 1977, but the next year North Carolina won by four points. In 1979, Dye's last season at East Carolina, the Tar Heels needed a late field goal to tie.

To measure how far East Carolina had risen, the Tar Heels refused to play the Pirates after the series contract ran out two years later, and they haven't played since.

At East Carolina, Dye fell in love with the same kind of rawhide assistants Bryant surrounded himself with at Alabama. Schnellenberger called them "typical Southern football coaches. Football was ultimately important to them." They were the kind of coach who, like Hall, might grab a 270-pound noseguard named Benji Roland by the face mask to get his point across.

Hall, an Alabama linebacker from 1971-73, was an out-of-work linebackers coach when Virginia Tech cleaned house after the '77 season. "I called Coach Dye," Hall said. "He said to come down and see him. That day."

And Dye hired Hall that day as defensive line coach, which is how he got in the business of schooling the Tracy Rockers of the world.

There must be something in the Tuscaloosa water or the Bryant gene pool that makes immediacy a priority in hiring. Schnellenberger has been known to make some quick employment decisions, too.

When the news came down in the winter after the 1978 season that Schnellenberger would replace Lou Saban at Miami, the Hurricane assistants were flying to San Francisco for a coaching convention. One of them was current Louisiana State Coach Mike Archer, who had played at Miami and was in his third year as a part-time aide with the Hurricanes. Soon after landing in San Francisco, he got a phone call. Schnellenberger's deep voice was at the other end of the line.

"He said, 'If you want a job, get your ass back here fast,' " Archer recalled.

Which Archer promptly did on the red-eye flight, landing his first full-time coaching job at a program with one foot in the water.

"We were just bad for four or five years," Archer said. "The program was on the verge of being dropped."

Had Schnellenberger, a former Baltimore Colts head coach, realized the depths to which Miami had sunk, he might never have left his comfortable position as a Miami Dolphins assistant under Don Shula.

"The first two years we had budgetary restraints that were unreal," said Schnellenberger, who had initially turned down the Hurricane job before changing his mind and becoming Miami's seventh coach in 10 years. "A memo would come down in March or April that our budget was exhausted and spending was frozen. We couldn't make a long-distance phone call or buy a pen."

And yet in five years, Schnellenberger wrote a rags-to-riches story that would make Horatio Alger proud. Just as he had predicted, in his fifth year the Hurricanes won the national championship, beating Nebraska, 31-30, in an Orange Bowl for the ages.

Archer, the defensive backs coach on that 1983 championship team, remembers Miami not as the most talented squad, but as the most committed, which flowed from the head coach. Schnellenberger established "the state of Miami" southward from Tampa and Orlando and dared anyone to outrecruit him in that talent-laden region, which for years had seen its best players opt to become Gators, Sooners and Wolverines rather than Hurricanes. Until Schnellenberger, that is.

"There was a saying in the state," Archer said, "that Florida got the blue chips, Florida State got the gold chips and Miami got the cow chips. Howard really played that up. The biggest thing I saw in him as a coach was he made the players believe they could win."

In 1980, no one had any reason to believe in Auburn. The football team was headed toward a 0-6 SEC record and its eighth straight loss to hated rival Alabama. The Crimson Tide fans strutted their superiority, and Bryant himself called Auburn "a cow college."

Enter Dye. As Auburn was suffering in 1980, he was shivering in Wyoming on the way to a 6-5 record in his first year in Laramie. He had just led the Cowboys to their first winning season in four years, but he longed for the sunny SEC, where he had played at Georgia and assisted at Alabama. Fortunately for Dye, a job was about to open.

As Doug Barfield's ship sank at Auburn, the school tried to lure an alumnus, Vince Dooley, from Georgia. Dye stood ready to go for whichever job opened up, Auburn or Georgia. When Dooley said no to Auburn, Dye rushed headlong toward the job, even resigning at Wyoming before the Auburn board of trustees made up its mind.

He had already won over the Tigers' search committee. The most important question he was asked was, "Coach, if we hire you, how long will it take you to beat Alabama?"

His answer: "Sixty minutes." That show of confidence and his previous track record won him the job.

Schnellenberger had made the same kind of vow when he got to Miami, promising a national title in five years, and "a lot of people thought he'd been drinking," Archer said. When he delivered right on schedule, he was the toast of the town.

And then he was unemployed. The opportunity to stay in Miami and become financially set for life as coach, general manager and part owner of a United States Football League team was too much for Schnellenberger to pass up after that championship season. But the USFL team never became anything more than a concept, and Schnellenberger was out of coaching for the 1984 season.

Less than a year removed from a national title, Schnellenberger was not hurting for job offers. But he surprised everybody in December 1984 when he accepted the head coaching job at Louisville.

Louisville? That was about as likely as Lou Holtz leaving Notre Dame to coach Kansas. Except for the fact that Schnellenberger was returning to his hometown, where he had starred with Paul Hornung at Flaget High School, Louisville seemed like the last place he would wind up.

If Miami had one foot in the water when he took over there, Louisville was a wreck at the bottom of the sea, swamped by a successful basketball program in a hoops-mad state. The football Cardinals hadn't seen a winning season in six years. They had never played in a major bowl game. They didn't have their own dormitory or a decent practice field. Their weight and training rooms were poorly equipped.

Did that make Schnellenberger back off? A little. He promised a national championship, but estimated it would take 15 years.

"When he first got here and said that," Louisville trainer Mike O'Shea said, "people thought he was crazy."

But there was method to Schnellenberger's madness. He saw a new chal-





While promising and producing a national championship in five years at Miami (Fla.), Schnellenberger estimated it would take 15 years when he and wife Beverlee came to Louisville, which he inherited as "the worst football program in the country."

lenge and embraced it. "Very few coaches," he explained, "have the opportunity to take Cinderella to the ball twice."

Dye's and Schnellenberger's belief in themselves has inspired intense loyalty in the people around them. When Dye went from East Carolina to Wyoming in 1980, six assistants went with him. Four followed him to Auburn a year later.

One of those followers is Hall, who is closer to Dye than any of his other assistants. Dye thinks so much of Hall that he once neglected to mention that Bryant had called to see if Hall was interested in returning to Alabama as an assistant. Hall would have gone to Alabama "in a minute," but by the time Dye told him of the call several days later, Bryant had found someone else. (Remember the quick-draw hiring gene?)

Dye's respect for Hall was never more evident, however, than when he elevated him to defensive coordinator in 1986. The Tigers had been struggling defensively, and a change appeared to be necessary. But the man Hall replaced was Frank Orgel, Dye's college roommate at Georgia.

"Pat knew what he had to do," a friend of Dye's once said, "but that hurt him as much as anything I've ever seen."

Given Auburn's success under Dye—a 71-23-2 record, four bowl-game victories, three SEC titles, eight consensus All-Americas, 51 All-SEC players, a Heisman Trophy winner (Bo Jackson), a Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy winner (Rock-

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er) and 51 NFL draft picks—virtually every assistant on the staff has had numerous job offers, some to move up to top jobs. Yet of the nine full-time staff positions, six haven't changed since Dye got settled in 1981. It's a close staff that gets along well, whether jogging together at lunch or spending a summer week with all their families on the Florida coast before preseason practice begins.

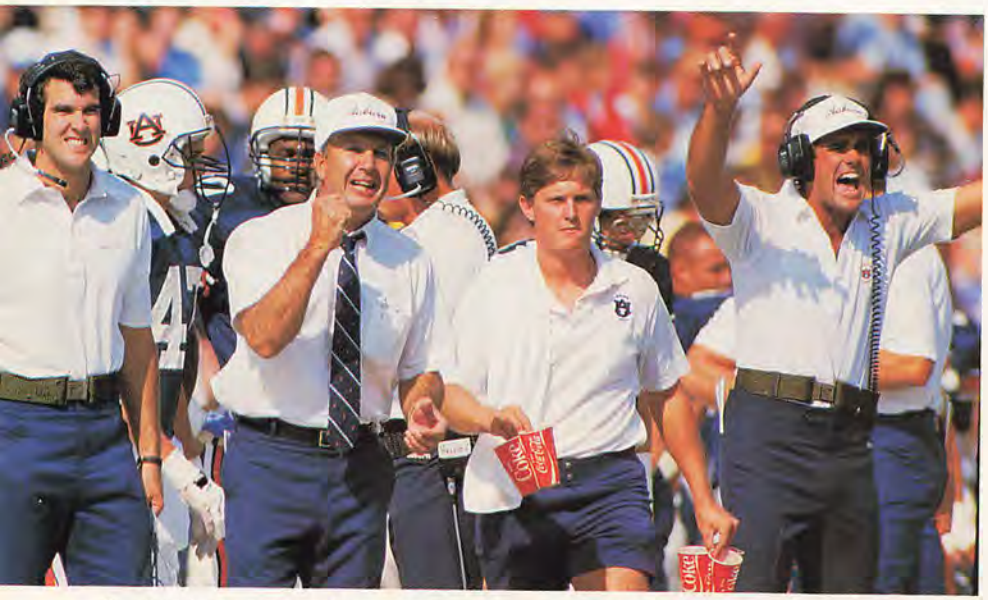
"In the last four years there hasn't been a year pass I haven't had the opportunity to go to another program," said outside linebackers coach Joe Whitt, who has developed such pros as Kevin Greene and Aundray Bruce. "To be honest, I didn't even give it a thought. Why? I didn't think

All of that loyalty can melt as fast as an overweight freshman at August two-a-days if it isn't followed by winning. As Schnellenberger said, "You have to find something to hang your hat on."

East Carolina found it by beating North Carolina and Virginia in Dye's second year. Miami found it by beating Penn State at State College in Schnellenberger's first year.

Auburn found it when, in Dye's second year, he beat The Bear and Alabama and ended nine years of frustration for Tiger fans, a victory that moved Dye to tears. Now, with his program established as one of the strongest in the country, Dye will try to lead his team to a third straight SEC title. "When you think of conference champions," he said, "you think of Auburn."

Louisville may have found it last season, Schnellenberger's fourth there, when the Cardinals kicked a late field goal to beat Virginia, the second in what would become six straight victories to close the



In eight seasons at Auburn, Dye has produced everything — a 71-23-2 record, four bowl victories and three SEC titles — but a national championship.

I could do better than Auburn and Coach Dye."

A great leap of faith—about 1,100 miles—was required for the Schnellenberger faithful, many of whom stayed on at Miami when he jumped and missed at the USFL brass ring. But as he trekked north to Louisville, so did 14 staff members and their families, from strength coach Ray Ganong to trainer O'Shea to special assistant Ron Steiner to defensive line coach Bob Maddox to running backs coach Vagotis.

The members of this "entourage," as Steiner calls it, didn't move away from their homes and a tropical climate and a program that would compete annually for the national title because they loved horse racing. They moved because of Schnellenberger.

"I wouldn't have uprooted what I had to come to the unknown," Ganong said, "if I didn't have complete faith in Coach."

season at 8-3, the school's first winning season under the new coach and its best record in 16 years.

"The most exciting thing happening in college football," Schnellenberger said, "is happening in Louisville, Kentucky."

If good football is happening at Louisville and very good football at Auburn, it's not solely because Schnellenberger and Dye know people. It's also because they know football.

Schnellenberger devised a passing attack at Miami the rest of college football still hasn't figured out. Dye called him "as good a combination blackboard coach and field coach as I've ever seen."

Dye won at East Carolina, Wyoming and Auburn with the wishbone. When the Tigers started to taste defeat too often, he tossed it aside in favor of a pro-style multiple offense, allowing him to make better use of such backs as Jackson and Brent Fullwood. The Tigers have been rolling along ever since. "Pat's as consistent a winner," Schnellenberger said, "as there is in the country."

Knowing their X's and O's, however, is just half the battle. The other half is preparing their players to win by building confidence and strength. To that end they follow the example of their mentor, Bryant, who set the standard for hard-nosed conditioning when he became coach at Texas A&M in 1954.

Before that season, Bryant took 96 players to remote Junction, Tex., for 10 days that fell somewhere between a training camp and a death camp. They drank no water at practice, which occurred three times a day at full speed under the relentless Texas sun. All but 27 players quit. That camp marked Bryant for eternity as a man who pushed lesser men to their limits and beyond and extracted more ability than they knew they possessed.

If there are two common tacks Schnellenberger and Dye took from Bryant that have held their different houses together, they are discipline and hard work. They expect their players to pay the price.

"There's no magic out there," Dye said. "Most success comes from discipline and hard work."

Schnellenberger, who survived a freshman training camp under Bryant at Kentucky that, in his words, made "Junction look like a Boy Scout camp," is anything but easy on his players. He puts them through practice at midnight, in the mud, and once had his field-goal kicker operate in darkness except for a car's headlights. He wanted the kid to be prepared in case the stadium lights ever went out. At both Miami and Louisville he instituted the Breakfast Club, a predawn exercise drill that doesn't sit well with the breakfasts of the class skippers and rule breakers who are forced to attend.

Dye has his own breakfast club at Auburn, where his practices resonate with contact. Perhaps most notorious among the players is the "middle drill," in which three defenders take on three linemen, a quarterback and a running back in an enclosed space that all but guarantees pain. Standing alongside are the assistant coaches, sometimes screaming in a lineman's face, other times employing more physical means to make themselves clear.

"I believe," inside linebackers coach Reggie Herring said, "we have the most physical practices in the league."

And now with Dooley retired from Georgia's sideline to work solely as athletic director and Tennessee's John Majors enduring tough times, Auburn can boast the most imposing football coach in the SEC. Since 1982 the Tigers have won more games and more league titles than any of their SEC brethren, and they own three straight victories over Alabama.

Under Dye, who also has been the Tigers' athletic director the last eight years, Auburn has expanded Jordan-Hare Stadium to 85,000 seats, built a state-of-the-art football office complex and even convinced Alabama to travel to Auburn this December for the first Iron Bowl played outside of Birmingham.

Montgomery banker Bobby Lowder, a member of the Auburn board of trustees and one of the private Dye's few personal friends, credits Dye with restoring a program that had "absolutely no discipline or organization" when he took control. "Pat put in discipline," Lowder said. "He put in pride and respect."

He has put in everything but a national championship. Dye would love dearly to change that, and the faithful believe he will. "It's going to happen," Whitt said. "It's just a matter of time."

Auburn thought its time came in 1983. The Tigers were ranked third in the pre-bowl polls and then beat Michigan in the Sugar Bowl while No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Texas lost their bowl games. That would seem to be enough to lift Auburn to No. 1, but Schnellenberger and irony interceded. Nebraska was beaten by his Miami team in that memorable Orange Bowl, and the Hurricanes leaped from No. 5 over Auburn to the national championship.

For a moment it was Dye vs. Schnellenberger again. Where once they had been co-workers battling on a handball court in the shadows of Tuscaloosa, now they were dueling in the spotlight at the highest level of their game.

Unsatisfied with one title, Schnellenberger has set history as his next goal. No college coach has won national championships with two different schools. To accomplish that at Louisville, in his own hometown, in basketball country, at what he inherited as "the worst football program in the country," why that would be sweeter than any aroma that's ever curled out of his pipe.

"We just can't wait for the next day," Ganong said. "The greatest story ever in college football. And it's going to happen."

Now Louisville has its own dorm, two new practice fields, a new weight room, a new artificial surface in Cardinal Stadium and an expanded football complex—renovations that cost more than $2 million. And instead of five players—the number Schnellenberger deemed worthy of Division I-A scholarships at the Cardinals' first spring practice in 1985—Louisville now suits up (in new uniforms) 95 players who can compete against the national schedule Schnellenberger is preparing. The Cardinals will play West Virginia, Virginia, Boston College and Syracuse (in Tokyo) this season, and Florida and perhaps Oklahoma are on the agenda in future years.

To the members of the entourage, that frightening first day of spring practice four years ago seems like a dream.

"I've never seen him so down," Steiner said. "He looked gray and slumped in his chair. He said: 'I don't believe it. Have you ever seen anything so bad?'

"The next day he was convincing us it wasn't so bad. He's the one among all of us who believes the most."

Dye's darkest hour may have come December 1, 1984, when he made his "fourth-and-dumb" call at the goal line against the first Alabama team with a losing record in 27 years. Down 17-15 late in the game, Dye disdained a field goal and called for Jackson to block for Fullwood on a sweep. Jackson ran the wrong way, Fullwood got stuffed and Auburn got ridiculed.

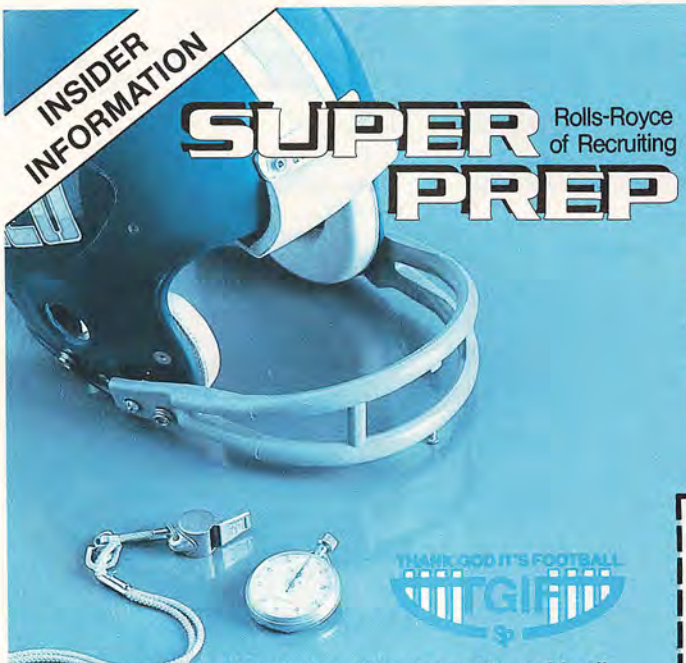
Dye broke out in hives after the game. But two days later he convinced the board of trustees to approve the $15 million stadium expansion that would clear the way to bring Alabama to the Plains. Dye called that vote "the greatest show of confidence I've ever gotten at Auburn. That took some initiative and guts for the board to do that."

Just as it did for the Miami entourage to head to Louisville with Schnellenberger, who called that exodus of support "probably the most gratifying thing that's ever happened to me in football."

Such support should not come as a surprise. People are drawn to those who achieve, and both these men have achieved a great deal. They have rebuilt downcast football programs, creating hope, pride and success where before there was despair, shame and failure. And they keep working to achieve even more—one to win his first national championship, the other to win a historic second.

For a farmer's son, it's like nurturing a plant. "If you're green, you're growing," Dye said, "and if you're ripe, you're rotting."

For a mechanic's son, it's like fixing an engine so it won't need fixing again—"to have a chance," Schnellenberger said, "to do something that will live in posterity." ■



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SCOUTING the NATION

Keep an eye on these players, coaches and teams

By JOHN HADLEY
College Football Editor

THEY GET NO RESPECT

Few fans have heard of the following All-America candidates:

1. Dan Bitson, SE, Tulsa.
2. Godfrey Myles, LB, Florida.
3. Maurice Crum, LB, Miami (Fla.).
4. Terance Mathis, WR, New Mexico.
5. Troy Taylor, QB, California.
6. Pat Chaffey, FB, Oregon State.
7. Otis Smith, CB, Missouri.
8. Pat Coleman, WR, Mississippi.
9. Kendrick Brown, DE, Pacific.
10. Brett Favre, QB, Southern Mississippi.

A BAKER'S BEST DOZEN

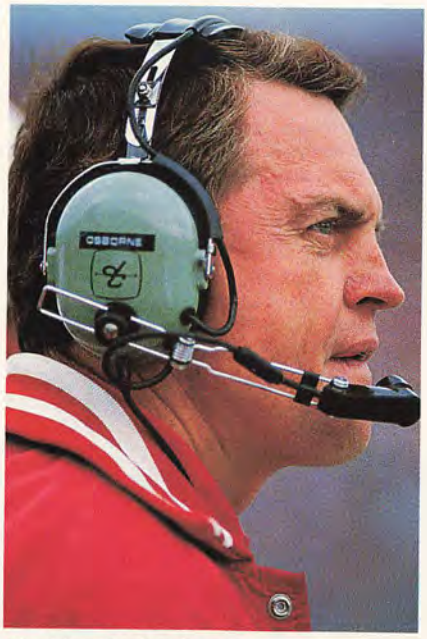
Nobody does it better than these 13 head coaches:

1. Tom Osborne, Nebraska. He disproves the theory that "nice guys finish last."
2. Barry Switzer, Oklahoma.
3. George Welsh, Virginia.
4. Dick Sheridan, North Carolina State.
5. Terry Donahue, UCLA.
6. Lou Holtz, Notre Dame.
7. Bo Schembechler, Michigan.
8. Joe Paterno, Penn State.
9. Jerry Claiborne, Kentucky.
10. Rich Brooks, Oregon.
11. LaVell Edwards, Brigham Young.
12. Bobby Bowden, Florida State.
13. Danny Ford, Clemson.

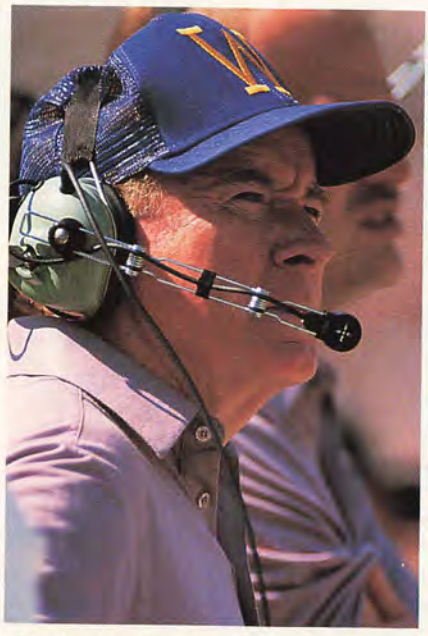
THE ARENAS OF BATTLE

The 10 best places to attend a college football game:

1. Tiger Stadium, Louisiana State.
2. Memorial Stadium, Clemson.
3. Williams-Brice Stadium, South Carolina.
4. Notre Dame Stadium, Notre Dame.
5. Michigan Stadium, Michigan.
6. Neyland Stadium, Tennessee.
7. Memorial Stadium, Nebraska.
8. Kyle Field, Texas A&M.
9. Ohio Stadium, Ohio State.
10. Camp Randall Stadium, Wisconsin.



Best in the business: Nebraska's Tom Osborne



On the hot seat: Washington's Don James

CREAM OF THE CROP

The 10 best players in the collegiate game:

1. Blair Thomas, TB, Penn State.
2. Tony Rice, QB, Notre Dame.
3. Major Harris, QB, West Virginia.
4. Percy Snow, LB, Michigan State.
5. Terance Mathis, WR, New Mexico.
6. Michael Stonebreaker, LB, Notre Dame.
7. Anthony Thompson, TB, Indiana.
8. Darrell Thompson, TB, Minnesota.
9. Darren Lewis, RB, Texas A&M.
10. Emmitt Smith, RB, Florida.

GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

These formerly forlorn programs are on the upswing:

1. Duke.
2. Purdue.
3. Southern Mississippi.
4. Stanford.
5. Tulsa.

FEELING THE HEAT

Six head coaches who could be looking for work next winter if their teams don't start making some noise:

1. Galen Hall, Florida.
2. Don Morton, Wisconsin.
3. Jim Wacker, Texas Christian.
4. Wayne Nunnely, Nevada-Las Vegas.
5. John Gutekunst, Minnesota.
6. Don James, Washington.

WHAT'S IT TAKE TO GET NOTICED?

The seven most underrated programs:

1. Syracuse. The Orangemen get little acclaim despite the fact that Dick MacPherson has built a program that is on the verge of dethroning Penn State as king of the hill in the East.
2. Michigan State.
3. North Carolina State.
4. Arizona.
5. Arizona State.
6. Fresno State.
7. Colorado.



Nobody does it better:
Notre Dame's Lou Holtz (left) and Michigan's Bo Schembechler



Unheralded:
Florida's Godfrey Myles



Pro material:
Penn State's Blair Thomas

HEADHUNTERS

The seven hardest hitters on special teams:

1. Steve Grant, West Virginia.
2. Lorenzo Ward, Alabama.
3. Levon Kirkland, Clemson.
4. Junior Seau, Southern California.
5. Cornell Collier, California.
6. Corian Freeman, Florida State.
7. Dave Ane, Indiana.

FUTURE MILLIONAIRES

The 10 best pro prospects for the 1990 National Football League draft:

1. Blair Thomas, TB, Penn State.
2. Percy Snow, LB, Michigan State.
3. Anthony Thompson, TB, Indiana.
4. Darrell Thompson, TB, Minnesota.
5. Charles Arbuckle, TE, UCLA.
6. Rob Burnett, DT, Syracuse.
7. Lamar Lathon, LB, Houston.
8. Frank Cornish, C, UCLA.
9. Terry Wooden, LB, Syracuse.
10. Todd Ellis, QB, South Carolina.

COMING SOON TO A SIDELINE NEAR YOU

Twenty current assistant coaches who should be running their own programs in the 1990s:

1. Wayne Hall, defensive coordinator/defensive line, Auburn.
2. Paul Hackett, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Pittsburgh.
3. Jim Colletto, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, Ohio State.
4. Keith Gilbertson, offensive line, Washington.
5. Fred vonAppen, defensive coordinator/defensive line, Stanford.
6. Bob Bratkowski, offensive coordinator/receivers, Miami (Fla.).
7. Roger French, offensive coordinator/offensive line, Brigham Young.
8. Rich Ellerson, associate head coach/defensive coordinator/defensive line, Hawaii.
9. Barry Alvarez, defensive coordinator/linebackers, Notre Dame.
10. Pete Jenkins, defensive coordinator/defensive line, Louisiana State.
11. Ken Schmidt, outside linebackers, Brigham Young.
12. Denny Marcin, defensive line, Illinois.
13. Jim Lambright, assistant head coach/defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, Washington.
14. Mike Maser, offensive line, Boston College.
15. Chuck Reedy, running backs, Clemson.
16. Ron McBride, assistant head coach/offensive line, Arizona.
17. Gary Barnett, quarterbacks/fullbacks, Colorado.
18. Lloyd Carr, defensive coordinator, Michigan.
19. Bill Clay, defensive backs, Mississippi State.
20. Danny Smith, running backs, Georgia Tech.

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SCOUTING the NATION

IMAGES FOR ALL TIME

Ten things that make college football so memorable:

1. The Rose Bowl, both the stadium and the game.
2. The pregame ceremonies at an Army-Navy contest.
3. Traveler, the Southern Cal horse ridden by a Trojan warrior, circling the Los Angeles Coliseum.
4. The leprechaun dancing about at a Notre Dame game.
5. The Clemson Tigers rubbing Howard's Rock, which came from the real Death Valley, for luck before entering Memorial Stadium.
6. The Michigan Wolverines slapping the "M" banner upon exiting the tunnel.
7. Oklahoma's Boomer Sooner wagon.
8. Louisiana State's tiger mascot, Mike IV.
9. Texas' longhorn steer mascot, Bevo XIII.
10. The postgame ceremonies at Texas A&M.

DUE FOR A SECOND CHANCE

Having failed to please the powers that be at other schools, these former head coaches are the best bets to take the reins elsewhere in the near future:

1. Gary Moeller, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, Michigan.
2. Jim Carmody, defensive coordinator/defensive line, Mississippi State.
3. Bob Valesente, assistant head coach/defensive coordinator, Pittsburgh.
4. Bob Cope, defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, Kansas State.
5. Bob Toledo, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Texas A&M.
6. Chuck Stobart, associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Southern Cal.
7. Tom Reed, defensive line coach, Michigan.

FRIENDLY PERSUADERS

When it comes to evaluating and courting prep talent, these 10 recruiting coordinators are the best in the business:

1. Vinny Cerrato, Notre Dame.
2. Bill Rees, UCLA.
3. Sam Nader, Louisiana State.
4. Steve Pederson, Ohio State.
5. Frank Young, Auburn.
6. Barry Gallup, Boston College.
7. Bud Ratliff, Pittsburgh.
8. Rick George, Colorado.
9. Tim Cassidy, Texas A&M.
10. Brad Scott, Florida State.

ISN'T THAT SPECIAL

The kick-coverage units on special teams are often the difference between two evenly matched teams. These players can alter the outcome of a game by causing a turnover with a bone-crushing tackle or a blocked kick. Most of them are anonymous, but a few deserve special notice for their all-around excellence:

1. James Williams, Fresno State.
2. Zack Dumas, Ohio State.
3. Jay Egloff, Louisiana State.
4. Archie Hopkins, Virginia Tech.
5. Jason Belser, Oklahoma.
6. Pat Tingelhoff, Minnesota.
7. John Henry Mills, Wake Forest.
8. Darren Woodson, Arizona State.
9. Sean Abreu, Hawaii.
10. Donald Collins, Southwestern Louisiana.

THEY MAKE ROAD TRIPS UNPLEASANT

These schools have the rowdiest football fans:

1. Florida.
2. Louisiana State.
3. Clemson.
4. South Carolina.
5. Syracuse.
6. Wisconsin.
7. Arizona State.
8. Florida State.
9. Georgia.
10. Notre Dame.

THE MICHAEL JORDANS

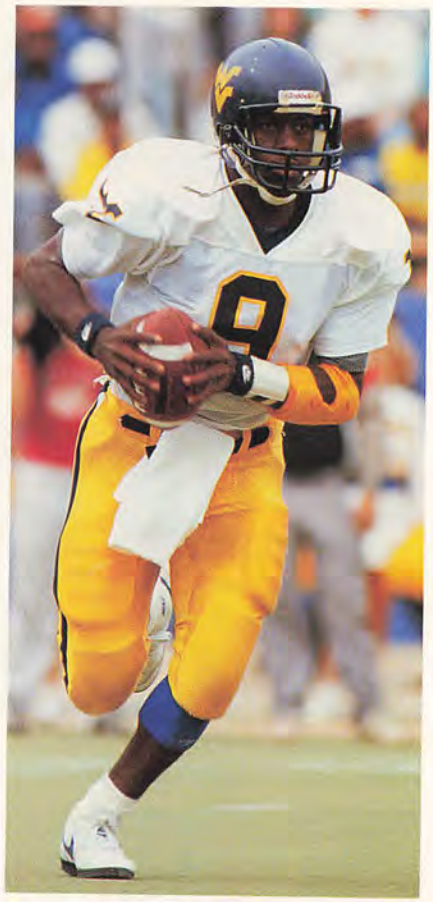
These players carry their teams on their shoulders. If not for them, their respective schools can count on losing at least two or three more games a season:

1. Major Harris, QB, West Virginia.
2. Blair Thomas, TB, Penn State.
3. Jeff George, QB, Illinois.
4. Mike Gundy, QB, Oklahoma State.
5. Emmitt Smith, RB, Florida.
6. Tony Rice, QB, Notre Dame.
7. Bill Musgrave, QB, Oregon.
8. Brett Favre, QB, Southern Mississippi.
9. Johnny Johnson, TB, San Jose State.
10. Dee Dowis, QB, Air Force.

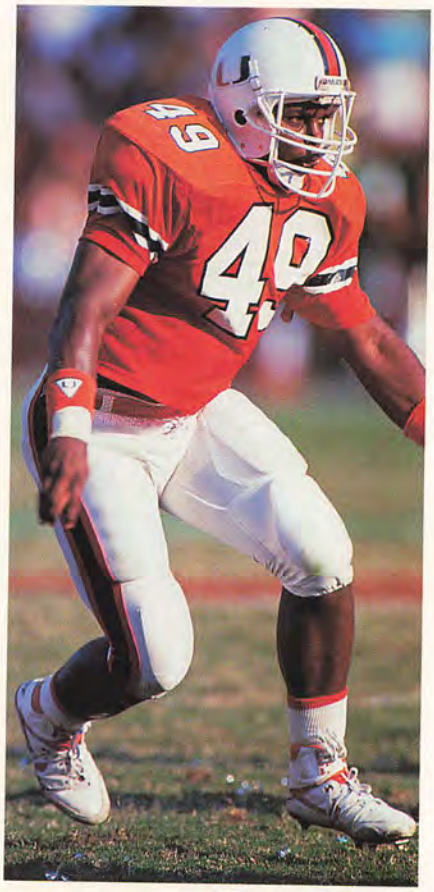
THE CADILLACS

Year in and year out, a few schools will always be among the country's best. Following are the top 10 college football programs:

1. Miami (Fla.).
2. Nebraska.
3. Notre Dame.
4. UCLA.
5. Oklahoma.
6. Auburn.
7. Michigan.
8. Southern California.
9. Clemson.
10. Brigham Young.



One-man show: West Virginia's Major Harris



In the shadows: Miami's Maurice Crum

NOT AS GOOD AS THEY'LL LOOK

These teams will receive too much attention for an impressive record against a weak slate of foes:

1. West Virginia.
2. Arkansas.
3. Iowa.
4. Hawaii (10 of 12 games at home).
5. The Mid-American Conference champion.

THE BEST RIVALRIES

1. Miami (Fla.)-Notre Dame.
2. Nebraska-Oklahoma.
3. Alabama-Auburn.
4. Miami-Florida State.
5. Southern Cal-UCLA.
6. Notre Dame-Southern Cal.
7. Army-Navy.
8. Notre Dame-Michigan.
9. Florida-Georgia.
10. Michigan-Ohio State.
11. Penn State-Pittsburgh.
12. Michigan-Michigan State.

SURE TO BE SHORTCHANGED

These teams have the talent to be ranked highly this season, but a lack of recognition and/or a difficult schedule likely will make pollsters overlook them:

1. Southern Mississippi.
2. Duke.
3. Virginia.
4. Tennessee.
5. Wyoming.

RODNEY, THEY KNOW HOW YA FEEL

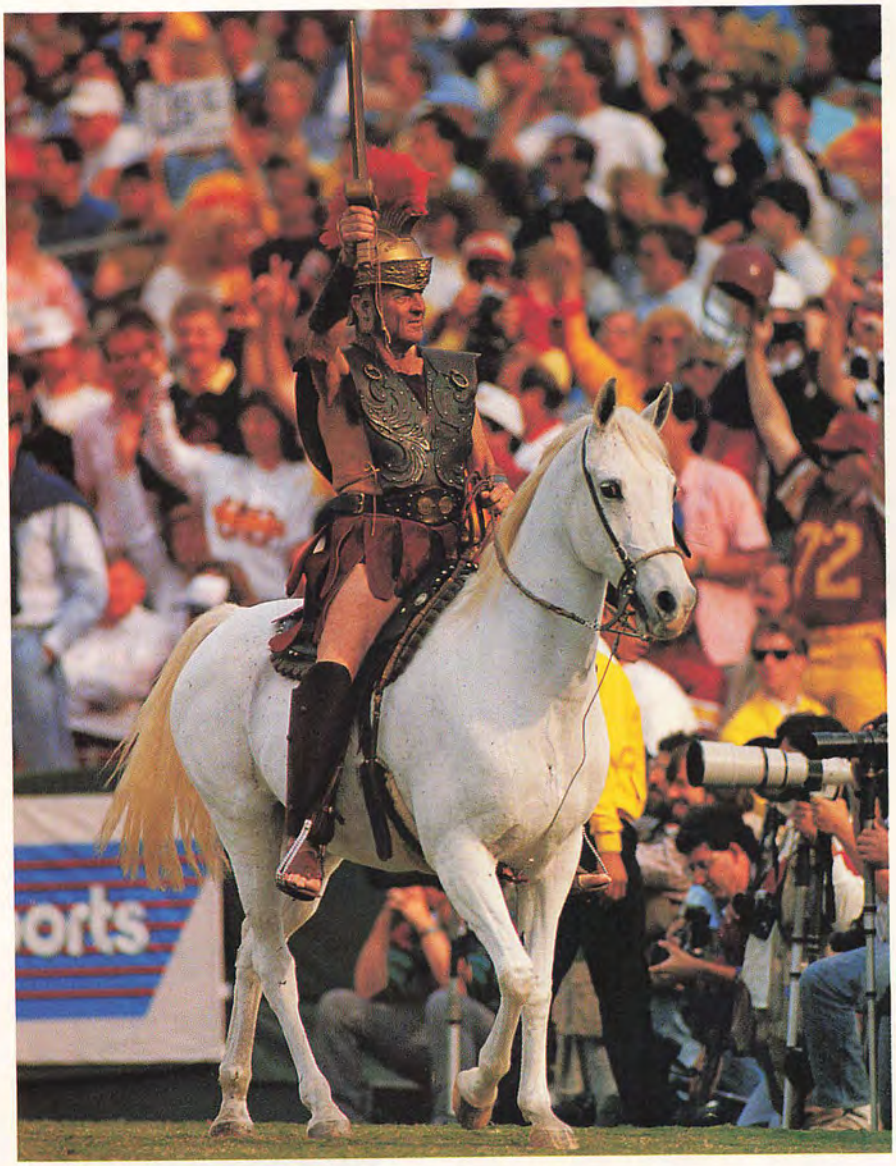
The five most underrated head coaches:

1. Jerry Claiborne, Kentucky. His winning percentage doesn't always show it, but he manages to get the most from his athletes.
2. Dick MacPherson, Syracuse.
3. John Mackovic, Illinois.
4. Grant Teaff, Baylor.
5. Pat Jones, Oklahoma State.

FRESH TALENT

A dozen of the best newcomers, including true and redshirt freshmen and transfers, who will help their teams in 1989:

1. Terry Kirby, RB, Fr., Virginia.
2. Kevin Williams, TB, Fr. (RS), UCLA.
3. Russell White, TB, Fr., California (if academically eligible).
4. Billy Ray, QB, Jr. (transfer/Alabama), Duke.
5. Chester McGlockton, DT, Fr. (RS), Clemson.
6. Jeff Pearson, C, Jr. (transfer/Notre Dame), Michigan State.
7. Brian Jones, LB, Jr. (transfer/UCLA), Texas.
8. Aaron Craver, TB, Jr. (JC), Fresno State.
9. Carl Pickens, WR, Fr. (RS), Tennessee.
10. Vodie Baucham, TE, Soph. (transfer/New Mexico State), Rice.
11. Brad Funk, C, Fr. (RS), Missouri.
12. Anthony Smith, DT, Sr. (transfer/Alabama), Arizona.



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MICHIGAN

The Wolverines could win the national championship in 1989 for two reasons: They have the deepest, most talented group of returnees in the nation, and their excellent coaching staff is matched by few. Their greatest obstacle is a schedule that has them opening the season against Notre Dame and later traveling to UCLA, Michigan State, Iowa and Illinois before hosting the traditional grudge match against Ohio State. On a team with many strong areas, the offensive and defensive backfields, the receiving corps and the linebacking unit stand out.

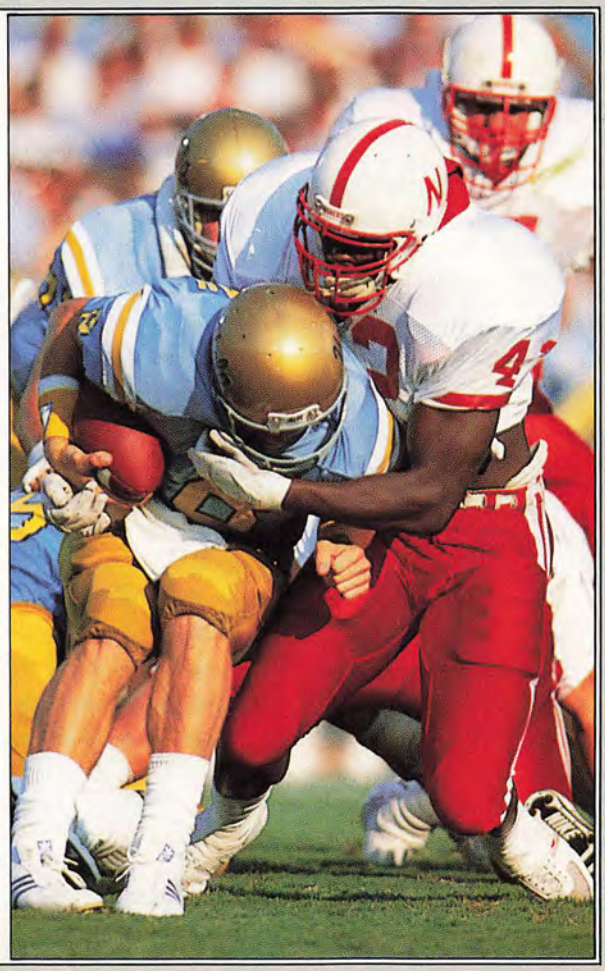
Fullback
Leroy Hoard



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NEBRASKA

Thanks largely to a cushy schedule, Cornhuskers Coach Tom Osborne finally will silence his critics by winning his first national championship. The Cornhuskers are a potentially overpowering team, but a schedule that poses just two true tests—at Colorado and a home date with Oklahoma—is their biggest plus. The remaining nine contests are little more than tuneups. Quarterback Steve Taylor will be missed, but able replacements are on hand. Running backs Ken Clark and Leodis Flowers give the Cornhuskers a devastating 1-2 punch.

Linebacker
Jeff Mills



3
NOTRE DAME

The Fighting Irish have the talent to defend their national crown. With Lou Holtz stalking the sidelines and Tony Rice directing the offense, the Irish rank second only to Michigan in big-play types and quality depth. The key to their success is the return of Michael Stonebreaker, the senior linebacker who was injured in a car accident last February. Opposing ballcarriers will be reaching for the aspirin when they encounter the likes of cornerback Todd Lyght, tackle Chris Zorich and linebacker Ned Bolcar. Notre Dame's only weakness is its kicking game.

Flanker
Raghib Ismail



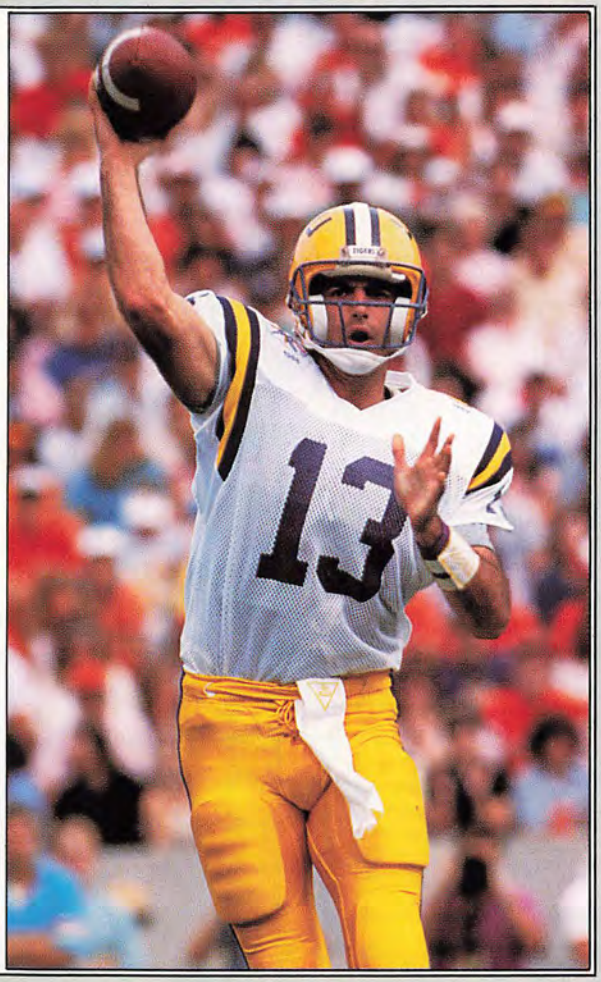


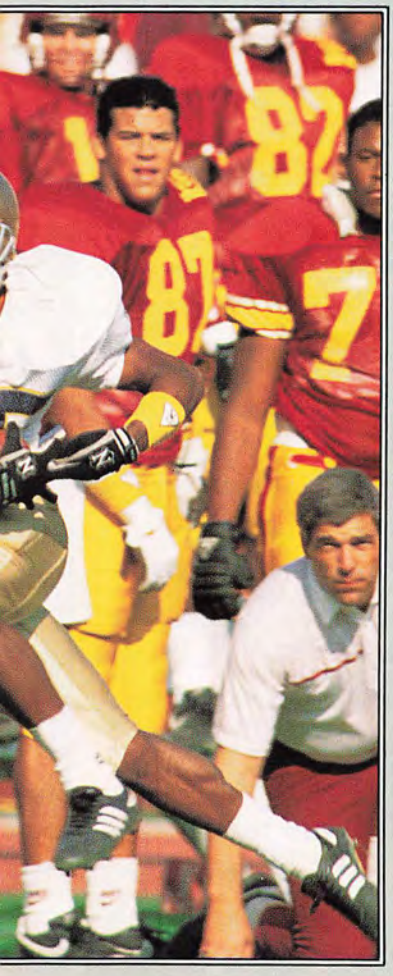
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LOUISIANA ST.

The Tigers' hopes for a national title rest upon the shoulders of Tommy Hodson. Arguably the nation's finest quarterback, Hodson must become a more consistent field leader. If he does, LSU will be back in the Sugar Bowl after a two-year absence. With the return of tailback Harvey Williams, who sat out last season with a knee injury, and flanker Tony Moss, Hodson has a well-stocked offensive arsenal. Coach Mike Archer has one of the nation's most talented defensive lines, where ends Clint James and Karl Dunbar hold court. LSU's specialty units have no peers.

Quarterback
Tommy Hodson



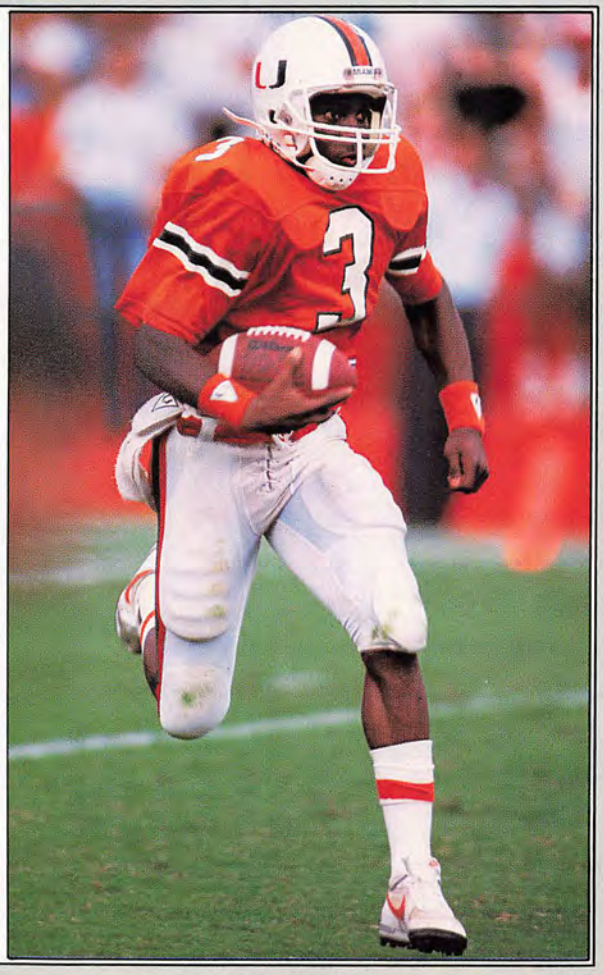


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MIAMI (FLA.)

It's business as usual in Miami as the Hurricanes, led by Coach Dennis Erickson and quarterback Craig Erickson, contend for the national championship. The latter Erickson, though largely untested, has the tools to become the next Walsh, Testaverde, Kosar, etc. Tackle Russell Maryland and ends Greg Mark and Shane Curry pace a strong defensive line. A one-point loss to Notre Dame spoiled the Hurricanes' title hopes a year ago, but if Coach Erickson can improve the secondary and replace all-purpose fullback Cleveland Gary, redemption can be theirs.

Split end
Randal Hill

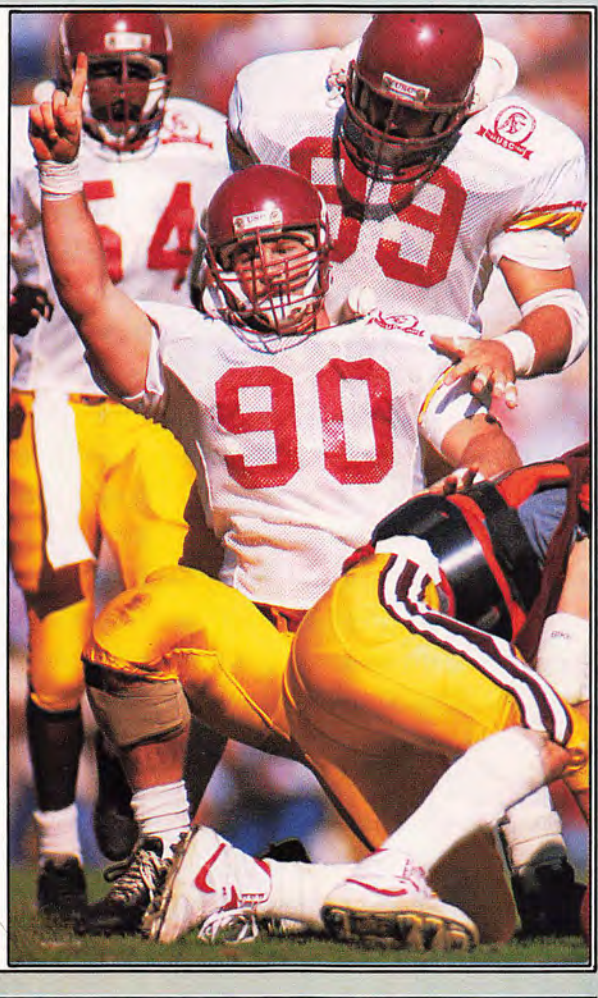


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SOUTHERN CAL

A schedule that includes Ohio State, Notre Dame, Arizona and UCLA would discourage many teams from shooting for a No. 1 ranking, but not the Trojans. They have the nation's best defense, which can go a long way toward compensating for the loss of quarterback Rodney Peete. Safeties Cleveland Colter and Mark Carrier are a pair of big-play athletes, defensive tackle Tim Ryan is a solid Lombardi Award candidate and the linebacking unit is the nation's deepest. Offensively, running backs Scott Lockwood and Leroy Holt will pick up the slack.

Defensive guard
Dan Owens



8

COLORADO

Coach Bill McCartney will field a defense as tough and nasty as any in the country. The front seven, keyed by outside linebackers Kanavis McGhee (recovering from a broken ankle suffered last season) and Alfred Williams and tackle Arthur Walker, will make opponents earn every yard. The Buffalo offense, meanwhile, features a strong line that could rank with the best. The effectiveness of fullback George Hemingway will dictate the success of the offense, while a September trip to Seattle to battle Washington will dictate the Buffs' success on a national scale.

Tailback
Eric Bieniemy

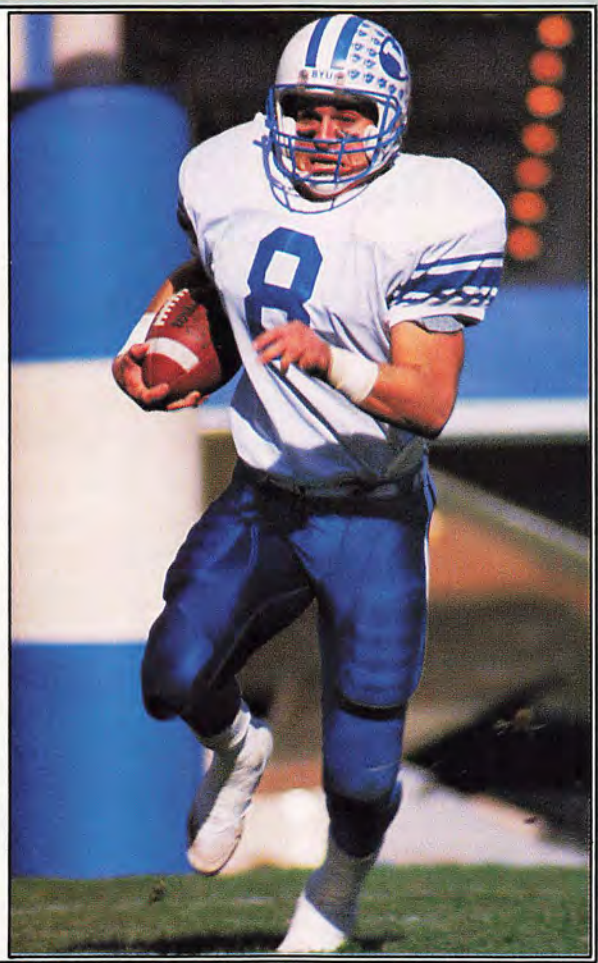


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BRIGHAM YOUNG

Bolstered by one of the nation's best linebacking units, the Cougars will regain their lofty status among the nation's elite. Outside linebackers Duane Johnson and Chad Robinson give opposing quarterbacks fits. On the inside, Bob Davis rates as one of the most underrated linebackers in the country. The schedule poses few problems; a trip to Hawaii will offer the Cougars their stiffest competition. If the Cougars can avoid any significant injuries, they could well play for their second national championship of the decade.

Halfback
Matt Bellini



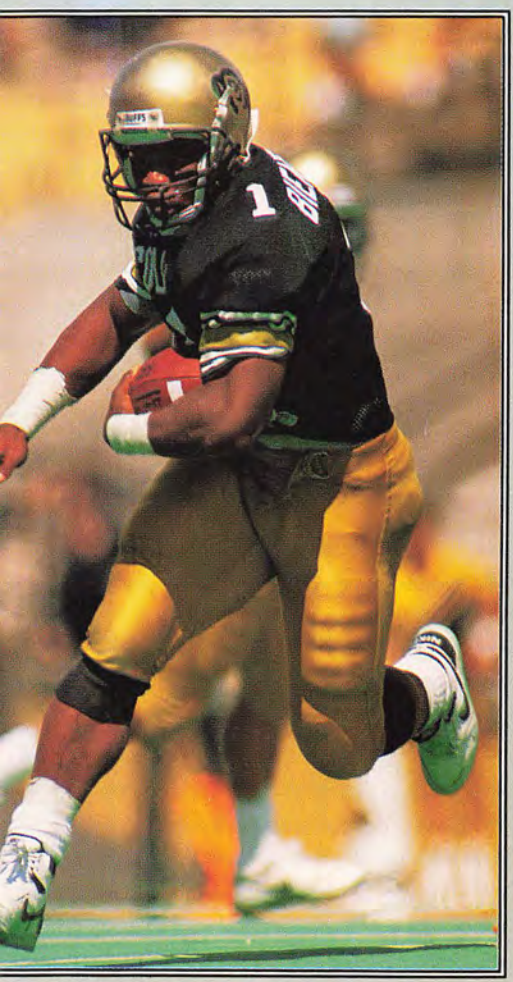
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FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles' roster is teeming with talent, but they have too many question marks—such as the ability of quarterback Peter Tom Willis to perform consistently—to merit a higher ranking. Tailback Sammie Smith and cornerback Deion Sanders leave some big shoes to fill—especially Sanders'. His athletic ability and leadership will be missed. The defensive line must provide a better pass rush in order to relieve the pressure on the secondary. On the bright side, Ronald Lewis leads the nation's top receiving corps, while speedy tailback Dexter Carter is a multipurpose threat.

Split end
Bruce LaSane

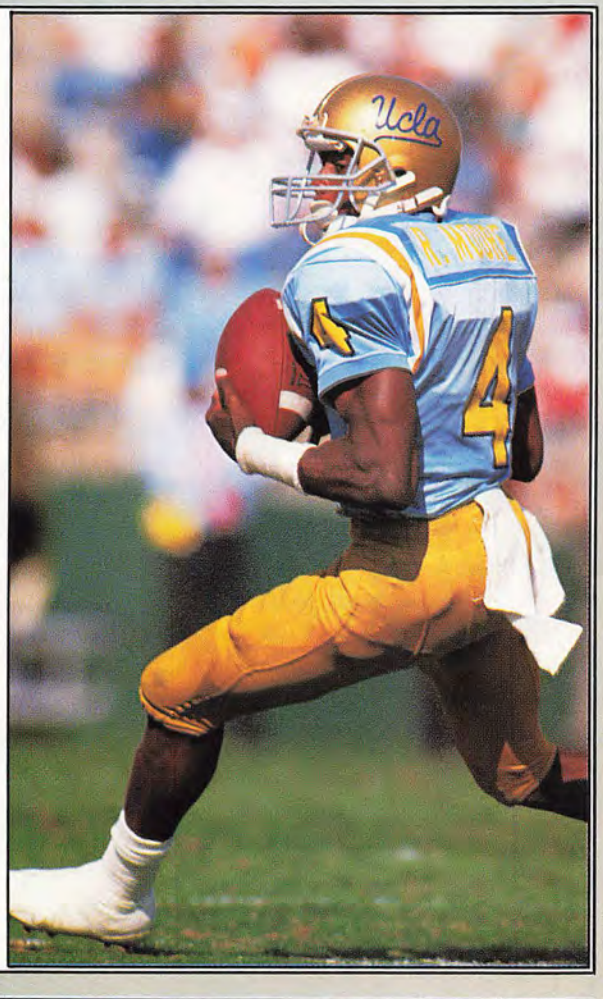


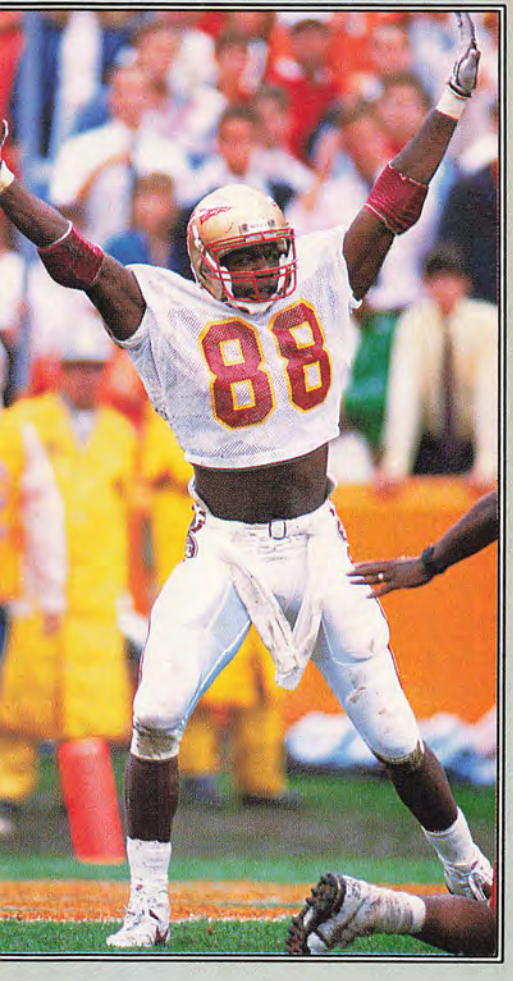


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UCLA

This season the Bruins will be battling for a Top 20 berth instead of the national crown. They still are powerful, but they lost Troy Aikman, the best passer ever to play at Westwood. Sophomore Jimmy Bonds and redshirt freshman Bret Johnson are vying to replace him. The winner of that battle will inherit the nation's finest stable of running backs—Brian Brown, Shawn Wills and Kevin Williams. The secondary, led by safeties Eric Turner and Matt Darby, is the strength of the defense. The Bruins also will benefit from excellent coaching and top-notch special teams.

Split end
Reggie Moore

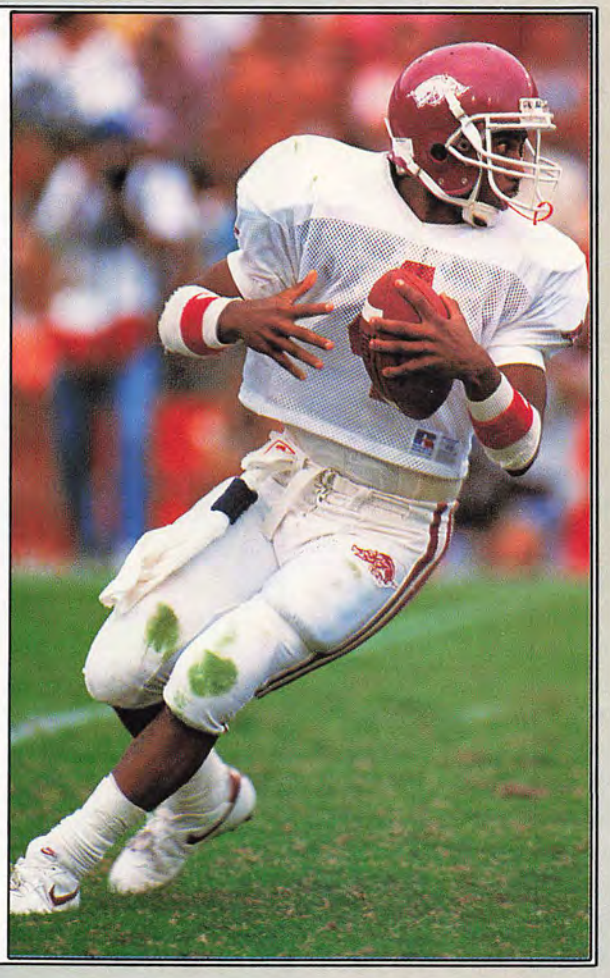




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ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks are afforded this position because of an excellent coaching staff and a schedule that poses few challenges. Coach Ken Hatfield's Hogs face a rebuilding year after losing numerous key players from last season's SWC championship squad. The most notable loss is placekicker Kendall Trainor, who proved the difference in a number of 1988 victories. Offensively, the Razorbacks must better utilize their receivers, while halfback James Rouse must finally play up to his advance billing. No unit stands out on a defense that is average at best.

Quarterback
Quinn Grovey



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ALABAMA

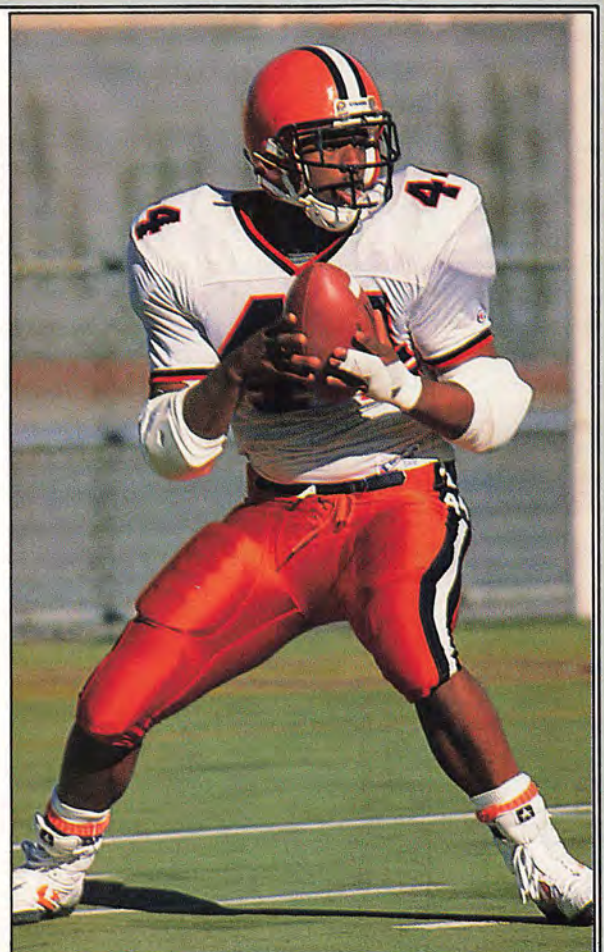
The Crimson Tide hasn't won an SEC championship since 1981 or played in a major bowl game since the 1982 Cotton Bowl, but both droughts could end this season as 'Bama seeks to resume its former status among the nation's elite programs. The defense has the potential to be Coach Bill Curry's best. The secondary is superb, while linebacker Keith McCants is cut from the Cornelius Bennett/Derrick Thomas mold. The schedule, which features road contests against Penn State, LSU and, for the first time, Auburn, could be the Tide's downfall.



Linebacker
Keith McCants

13
SYRACUSE

In the last two seasons, the Orangemen have beaten Penn State and Pittsburgh twice each en route to a 21-2-1 record, including a Sugar Bowl tie and a Hall of Fame Bowl victory. Yet, the Orangemen are seldom afforded much national respect. That may change this season as the Orange again figures to finish in the Top 20, despite the depletion of its secondary and the loss of fullback deluxe Daryl Johnston. The offensive line rates as the nation's best, while the defensive front seven, featuring linebacker Terry Wooden and tackle Rob Burnett, is rock solid.



Halfback
Michael Owens

14
AUBURN

The Tigers will slip a bit from their usual Top 10 spot this season. Having lost his entire defensive front and the key members of an excellent receiving corps, Coach Pat Dye must perform a major face-lift. But the return of quarterback Reggie Slack and the makings of an excellent offensive line will ease the burden somewhat. As usual, the Tigers will rely on the front seven —including the successor to tackle Tracy Rocker, younger brother David—to do the job defensively. If they do, Auburn could be in line for its fourth Sugar Bowl appearance of this decade.



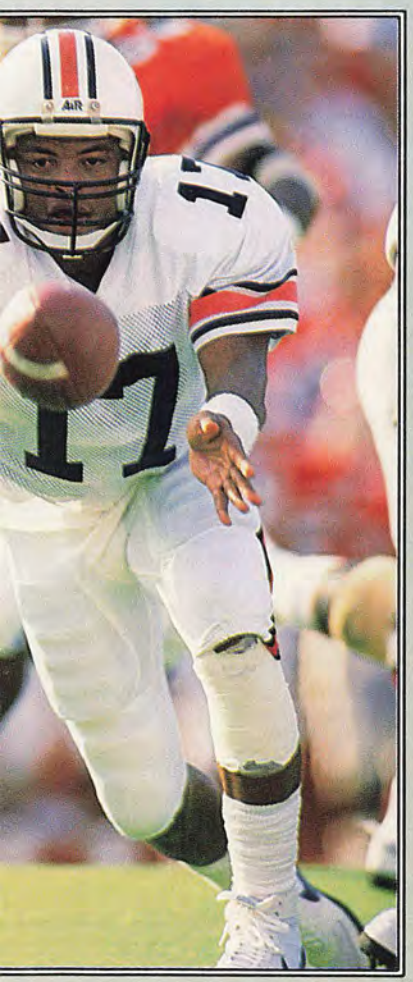
Quarterback
Reggie Slack

15
ARIZONA

The Wildcats rate as the nation's sleeper in 1989. They are bolstered by an excellent array of skill-position athletes as well as an abundance of team speed on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Ronald Veal showed tremendous progress during spring practice and will direct a potentially explosive offense. The defense, led by twin brothers Chris and Kevin Singleton at linebacker, ranks among the best in the West. A schedule that features Oklahoma, Southern Cal, UCLA and Arizona State confronts Dick Tomey, one of the nation's most underrated coaches.



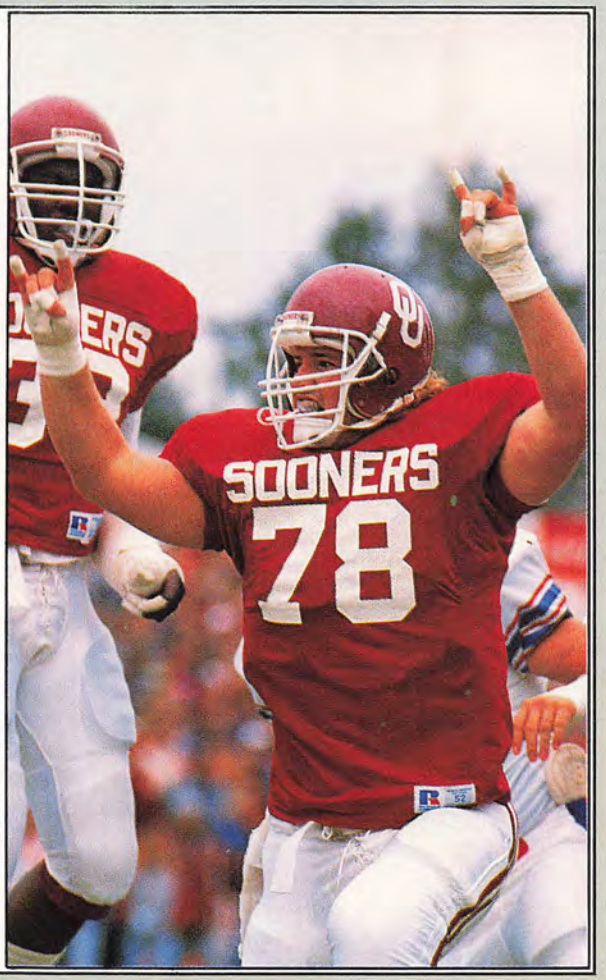
Halfback
Art Greathouse



16
OKLAHOMA

Coach Barry Switzer faces his most difficult challenge ever at Norman—creating a winner out of the turmoil that was the Sooners' 1989 off-season. The arrest and conviction of starting quarterback Charles Thompson on drug charges was the most notorious in a series of Sooner run-ins with the law. On the field, the Sooners don't stack up as well as they usually do. Switzer has an imposing defense and a weakish offense. With Arizona, Baylor and Texas on the non-conference schedule, the defense must be at peak performance, giving the offense time to jell.

Defensive tackle
Scott Evans

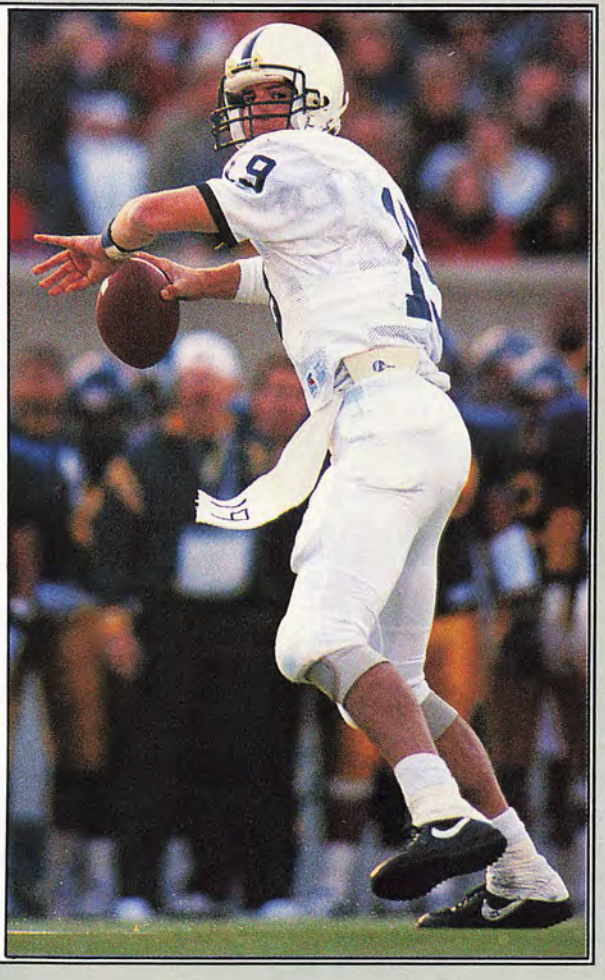




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PENN STATE

The return of tailback Blair Thomas, who missed last season because of a knee injury, gives the Nittany Lions hope to rebound from their first losing season since 1938. But it won't be easy. Coach Joe Paterno has a squad that lacks speed and depth. Improved play in the offensive line and from quarterback Tony Sacca will dictate the Nittany Lions' success this fall. A tradition of excellence affords the Nittany Lions this spot, although with Rutgers, Syracuse, Alabama, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh on the schedule, they'll need some luck to make it hold up.

Quarterback
Tony Sacca



18
TENNESSEE

Thoughts of a high national ranking were a distant memory for the Volunteers as they lost their first six games of the 1988 season, assuring them of their first losing campaign since 1980. But the Vols won their last five contests and enter this fall with a good shot at a Top 20 berth. Coach Johnny Majors is blessed with a good group of receivers and running backs, and his defense, led by end Marion Hobby and cornerback Preston Warren, will be stingier this season. The Vols would be rated higher if not for a schedule that includes UCLA, Auburn, Alabama and LSU.



Defensive tackle Marion Hobby

19
OHIO STATE

The Buckeyes are looking to improve after an inauspicious (4-6-1) showing in Coach John Cooper's initial campaign in Columbus. Injuries felled the Buckeyes a year ago, and with a lack of depth a major concern, they could again. But if they stay healthy, the Buckeyes will make some noise. Cooper will be counting on quarterback Greg Frey and tailback Carlos Snow to provide the offensive spark. Lacking a big-play defender, the Buckeyes must improve as a defensive unit against a slate that includes Southern Cal, Illinois and Michigan.



Tailback Carlos Snow

TSN's SECOND 20

21. PITTSBURGH
The loss of quarterback Dickerson drops the Panthers from a Top 20 berth.

22. TEXAS A&M
Quarterback Bucky Richardson must help overcome major defensive losses.

23. RUTGERS
The Scarlet Knights keep getting better, but they're still a bit thin.

24. NORTH CAROLINA ST.
Dick Sheridan, the nation's best coach, has a team that can challenge anybody.

25. MICHIGAN STATE
The Spartans have a tough defense, but they must develop a passing game.

26. ARIZONA STATE
Keep an eye on defensive tackle Shane Collins. He's big time.

27. KENTUCKY
The Wildcats battle until the gun sounds. They're a tough, disciplined team.

28. LOUISVILLE
Under Howard Schnellenberger, the Cardinals aren't patsies anymore.

29. SOUTH CAROLINA
Coach's death, off-field distractions make Gamecocks tough to pick.

30. FLORIDA
Coach Galen Hall and running back Emmitt Smith are a tough pair to beat.

31. GEORGIA
The Bulldogs have Top 20 talent. Ray Goff must prove he's a Top 20 coach.

32. VIRGINIA
The Cavaliers are strong, but a tough schedule prohibits a higher ranking.

33. ILLINOIS
With Jeff George taking the snaps, the Illini can beat the best.

34. TEXAS
No guts, no glory. That's been the story of the Longhorns the last two years.

35. WEST VIRGINIA
That the Mountaineers are even ranked is a credit to quarterback Major Harris.

36. DUKE
Quarterback Billy Ray has little time to develop because of a tough schedule.

37. STANFORD
Players like Rob Hinckley make the Cardinal a good bet to win seven games.

38. OREGON
The Ducks' offensive backfield has few peers, but depth will be a problem.

39. IOWA
A less-than-challenging schedule lets the Hawkeyes sneak into the Top 40.

40. CALIFORNIA
The Golden Bears will go to a bowl if an improved offensive line does the job.

Team	Opp. '88 Win Pct. (Rnk.)
Nebraska	.445 (37)
Michigan	.535 (22)
Notre Dame	.555 (14)
Louisiana State	.556 (13)
Miami (Fla.)	.464(35)
Southern California	.584 (5)
Brigham Young	.489 (33)
Colorado	.452 (T38)
Florida State	.682 (1)
UCLA	.536 (21)
Arkansas	.474 (34)
Alabama	.516 (T25)
Syracuse	.548 (T16)
Auburn	.559 (T11)
Arizona	.575 (6)
Oklahoma	.452 (T38)
Penn State	.608 (3)
Tennessee	.571 (7)
Ohio State	.512 (T28)
Clemson	.563 (T9)
Pittsburgh	.552 (15)
Texas A&M	.544 (19)
Rutgers	.508 (T30)
North Carolina State	.512 (T28)
Michigan State	.516 (T25)
Arizona State	.500 (32)
Kentucky	.539 (20)
Louisville	.586 (4)
South Carolina	.548 (T16)
Florida	.508 (T30)
Georgia	.460 (36)
Virginia	.563 (T9)
Illinois	.516 (T25)
Texas	.548 (T16)
West Virginia	.520 (24)
Duke	.520 (23)
Stanford	.630 (2)
Oregon	.559 (T11)
Iowa	.420 (40)
California	.570 (8)

*Indicates neutral site.



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CLEMSON

Sometimes it's not how good or lucky you are that matters, it's your conference affiliation. The Tigers will gain a Top 20 berth because the ACC, though improving, lacks top-notch programs. Within the league, only North Carolina State, which has defeated the Tigers the last three years, and Virginia pose a threat. With Florida State and South Carolina the only serious non-conference competition, a mere split of the aforementioned four games makes the Tigers 9-2 and has bowl scouts drooling at the prospect of the Tiger masses attending their contest.

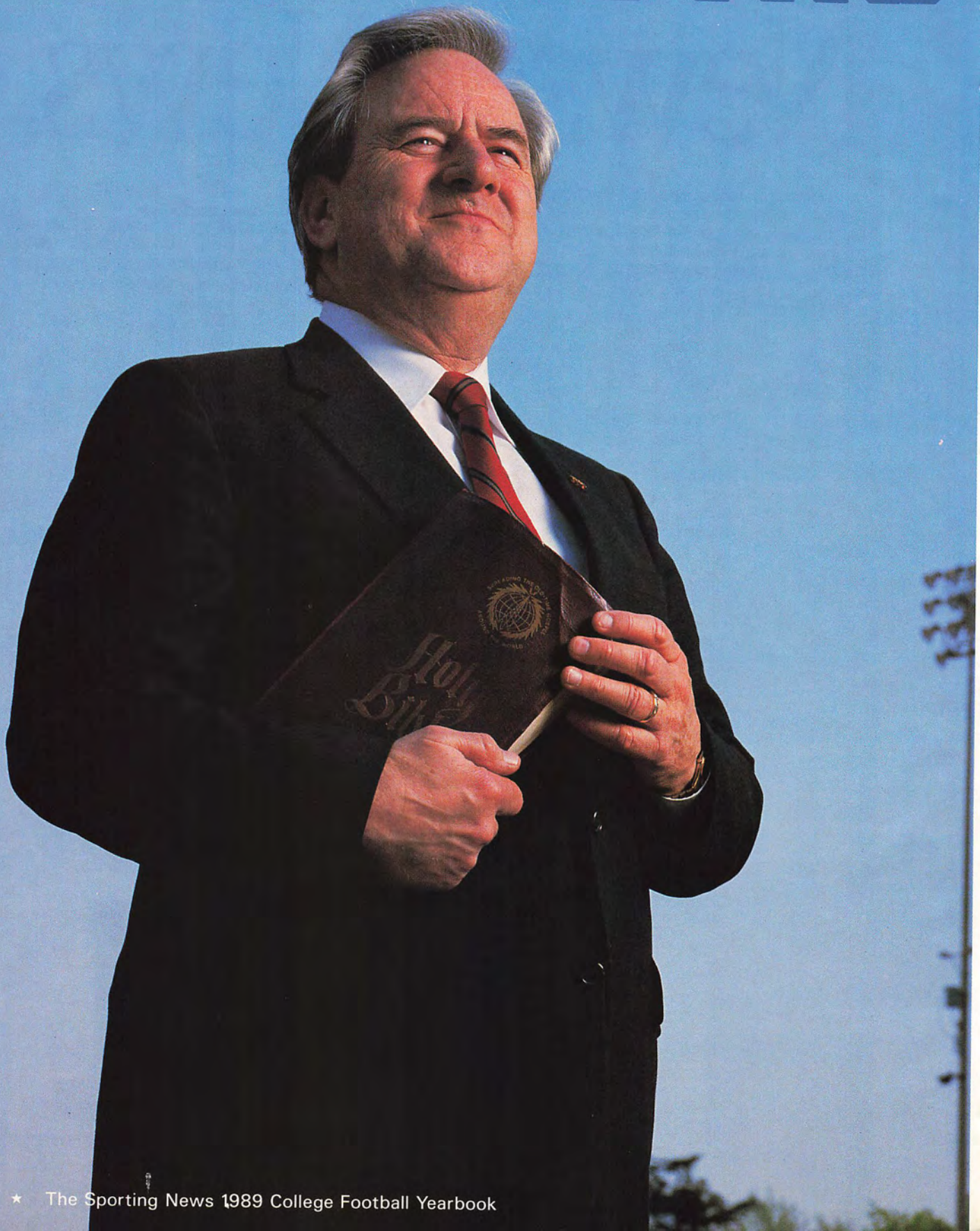
Flanker
Gary Cooper



TOP 40 SCHEDULE RATINGS

Games vs. '88 Bowl Teams				Games vs. Top 40 Teams				
Total	Home	Road	Neutral	Total	Home	Road	Neutral	Top 40 Opponents
3	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	At Colorado, Oklahoma
6	2	4	0	6	2	4	0	Notre Dame, at UCLA, at Michigan State, at Iowa, at Illinois, Ohio State
4	2	2	0	8	3	4	1	*Virginia, at Michigan, Michigan State, at Stanford, USC, Pittsburgh, at Penn State, at Miami (Fla.)
4	3	2	1	7	4	3	0	At Texas A&M, Florida State, Florida, at Auburn, at Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama
3	1	2	0	5	2	3	0	California, at Michigan State, at Florida State, at Pittsburgh, Notre Dame
4	1	2	1	7	3	3	1	*Illinois, Ohio State, at California, at Notre Dame, Stanford, at Arizona, UCLA
3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	Oregon
4	2	2	0	4	3	1	0	Texas, Illinois, at Oklahoma, Nebraska
8	4	4	0	7	4	3	0	Syracuse, at West Virginia, at Notre Dame, Miami (Fla.), Penn State, *Rutgers
2	1	1	0	8	5	3	0	Clemson, at Louisiana State, at Syracuse, Auburn, Miami (Fla.), South Carolina, at Florida
2	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	Tennessee, Michigan, California, Arizona State, at Arizona, at Stanford, Oregon, at USC
3	1	2	0	5	2	3	0	Texas, at Texas A&M
3	3	0	0	6	3	2	1	Kentucky, Tennessee, at Penn State, at Louisiana State, at Auburn
6	4	2	0	7	3	4	0	At Pittsburgh, Florida State, Penn State, at Rutgers, West Virginia, *Louisville
4	3	2	1	7	4	3	0	At Tennessee, at Kentucky, Louisiana State, at Florida State, Florida, at Georgia, Alabama
3	2	1	0	4	1	2	1	Stanford, Oklahoma, at Oregon, UCLA, at California, USC, at Arizona State
4	3	1	0	8	4	4	0	At Arizona, *Texas, Colorado, at Nebraska
5	2	3	0	7	3	4	0	Virginia, at Texas, at Rutgers, at Syracuse, Alabama, West Virginia, Notre Dame, at Pittsburgh
6	3	3	0	4	1	3	0	At UCLA, Duke, Auburn, Georgia, at Alabama, at Louisiana State, at Kentucky
3	1	2	0	5	2	3	0	At USC, at Illinois, Iowa, at Michigan
4	2	2	0	6	3	2	1	At Florida State, at Duke, Virginia, North Carolina State, at South Carolina
4	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	Louisiana State, Arkansas, Texas
3	1	2	0	5	2	2	1	Penn State, at Kentucky, Syracuse, at West Virginia, *Pittsburgh
2	0	2	0	4	1	3	0	At Clemson, at South Carolina, Virginia, at Duke
6	3	3	0	5	3	2	0	At Notre Dame, Miami (Fla.), at Iowa, Michigan, Illinois
3	2	1	0	4	3	1	0	At UCLA, Oregon, Stanford, Arizona
6	4	2	0	7	4	3	0	At Alabama, Auburn, Rutgers, Louisiana State, at Georgia, at Florida, Tennessee
4	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	West Virginia, at Virginia, *Syracuse
5	2	3	0	6	3	3	0	Duke, at West Virginia, at Georgia, North Carolina State, at Florida State, Clemson
4	1	2	1	5	2	2	1	At Louisiana State, at Auburn, *Georgia, Kentucky, Florida State
5	3	1	1	5	3	1	1	South Carolina, at Tennessee, Kentucky, *Florida, Auburn
3	0	2	1	6	2	3	1	*Notre Dame, at Penn State, Duke, at Clemson, Louisville, at North Carolina State
6	2	3	1	6	2	3	1	*USC, at Colorado, Ohio State, at Michigan State, at Iowa, Michigan
4	0	3	1	5	1	3	1	At Colorado, Penn State, *Oklahoma, at Arkansas, at Texas A&M
2	1	1	0	6	3	3	0	South Carolina, at Louisville, Pittsburgh, at Penn State, Rutgers, at Syracuse
4	3	1	0	5	2	3	0	At South Carolina, at Tennessee, at Virginia, Clemson, North Carolina State
4	2	2	0	7	4	3	0	At Arizona, Oregon, Notre Dame, at USC, UCLA, at Arizona State, California
4	1	3	0	7	2	5	0	California, at Iowa, at Stanford, Arizona, at Arizona State, at Brigham Young, at UCLA
3	3	0	0	5	4	1	0	Oregon, Michigan State, Michigan, Illinois, at Ohio State
4	2	2	0	6	2	4	0	At Oregon, at Miami (Fla.), at UCLA, USC, Arizona, at Stanford

GOD AND THE GRID



IRON

Rev. Jerry Falwell has ambitious visions for Liberty football

By DOUG DOUGHTY
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No combination of victories, improved facilities or prayer could have done as much for Liberty University's football program as the hiring of a former National Football League head coach.

Just call Sam Rutigliano the Rand McNally of Liberty football. He put the Flames on the map.

Make no mistake about it, Liberty, a 10,000-student institution in Lynchburg, Va., owes its existence to the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a nationally known evangelist and host of the "Old Time Gospel Hour." But in order to fulfill his ambitious vision for the school's football program, to spread the word of what Liberty University is all about, Falwell felt it was necessary to bring in another marquee name.

Enter Rutigliano, a former NFL Coach of the Year, a television commentator and, just as important in this situation, a born-again Christian since the death of his 4-year-old daughter in a 1962 automobile accident.

"Once Sam indicated to me that he had a very positive interest, I decided to pull out all stops," Falwell said. "He and I are both very aggressive people.

"It was obvious to me that Sam wanted to serve the Lord first and lead a national football program second. That was the priority I was looking for."

Never mind that Liberty's coach of five years, Morgan Hout, had directed the Flames to an 8-3 record in their first season of Division I-AA play. On December 19, the same day that he was named Virginia Division I coach of the year, Hout was called off the road and offered another position in the Liberty athletic department.

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"I think you could say I was devastated," said Hout, who turned down an assistant athletic director's position and is now a volunteer assistant at Baylor. "I'm trying to put it behind me, but it's been very, very hard.

"I'm not bitter with Dr. Falwell, but he'll never be out preaching somewhere and receive a call saying they're going to bring in Billy Graham to replace him."

Falwell caught considerable flak from the media, which cited the school's moralistic principles and the timing of Hout's reassignment—six days before Christmas.

"We knew because of who we are that we'd take it in the neck," Falwell said. "And then, while Morgan had a losing record (20-29-1) overall, he was coming off a good season. Plus, it was a slow news time.

"I'd been thinking about a coaching change for a couple of years. I voiced that to Morgan Hout in June or July of 1988. The issue was not the won-loss record. It was a matter of who can take us to Division I-A in football. I told Morgan I did not believe he was that man.

"We feel that evangelical young people deserve a world-class university that equates with what Brigham Young University has provided for the Mormon youth and what Notre Dame has provided for the Roman Catholic youth. We must be about the business of creating a Cadillac program for our young people."

Hout says he cannot remember a meeting concerning his future with either Falwell or Athletic Director Al Worthington. However, Hout admitted he had heard talk of a possible change and says he was told his position was secure.

The talk started when Rutigliano spoke at a Liberty chapel service in March 1988. Rutigliano had met Falwell and Mark DeMoss, his administrative assistant and a former Liberty placekicker, at a convention in February.

"When I was here in March, Dr. Falwell asked me, 'Would you ever be interested in coaching again?' " the 57-year-old Rutigliano said. "I said: 'No, I'm set. I like TV because you're paid and you don't have to win.' "

Case closed? Hardly.

"I just had a strong conviction he was the man for the job and (I) wouldn't take no for an answer," said Falwell, a former basketball player at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and the biggest fan of his school's athletic teams.

"In June," Rutigliano said, "he called me again and asked, 'Are you interested in coaching and being the coach at Liberty?' I told him, 'When you have a vacancy on your staff and decide that's what you want to do, let's talk seriously.'

"I say this not to be self-serving, but what he wanted was somebody to carry the baton on the next lap."

Liberty had made extraordinary progress in almost all areas and by almost any standards since its formation in 1971 as an extension of the Thomas Road Baptist Church, the base of Falwell's ministry. The school, overshadowed by Candler's mountain, was known as Lynchburg Baptist College and Liberty Baptist College before adopting its current name in 1985.

The football program was established on a rudimentary scale in 1973. Players would exchange shoulder pads as they came off the field in 90-degree heat, training meals consisted of powdered eggs in the morning, bologna and cheese sandwiches for lunch and tuna fish sandwiches for dinner, and players would literally use the football field to bear witness to their religious convictions.

"The players used to put gospel tracts in the lining of their helmets," said a source familiar with the program. "They'd sweat all game and then pass out these soggy sheets of paper to the opposition. Witnessing of individuals is still very important, but it was decided after a while that passing out the gospel tracts wasn't the best possible forum."

Those were the meager first steps on Liberty's road to big-time sports. When the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the governing body for small-college athletics, accepted the school as an associate member in 1975, the pace accelerated. Liberty gained full privileges in the association in 1980, the year it gained accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and subsequently applied for entry into the NCAA. After a probationary period, Liberty was granted Division II status in 1984.

The football team continued to play its games at Lynchburg City Stadium, which holds 10,200 fans, despite moving up to Division I-AA for the 1988 season. But, on the day Rutigliano was introduced as the new football coach, Falwell also announced plans for a new 12,000-seat stadium (with room to expand to 36,000) that would be ready for Liberty's September 9 opener against Edinboro (Pa.).

That wasn't all. Construction also is under way on a 10,000-seat basketball arena, and the recruiting budget has been increased from $17,000 to nearly $100,000.

"If we were going to continue with the previous budget, I wouldn't have come," Rutigliano said. "The most important part of this job, after the spiritual aspect of it, is the recruiting."

After their early-summer conversation, Rutigliano did not hear from Falwell again until December. Although he had been out of coaching since 1984, Rutigliano had remained busy with commentating, writing, teaching, public speaking and his work with the Inner Circle, a drug rehabilitation and counseling program he had created in 1982.

"It was like 'Yes, Monday; no, Tuesday; yes, Wednesday; no, Thursday,' " Rutig-

Hiring Sam Rutigliano as head coach immediately thrust Liberty football into a broader spotlight.

liano said. "I had a lot of mixed emotions. I didn't know whether I wanted to get back into it. I prayed a great deal.

"It came down to two things. I was making in six figures, which I will not be making here, but I knew football was the only thing that energized me. Also, it gave me a chance to continue my ministry on a broader platform."

It also gave Falwell a chance to showcase his football program with a broader spotlight. The hiring of Rutigliano attracted reporters from the New York Times, Los Angeles Times and other national media.

"If you were to ask the media, they would tell you they had no interest in coming to look over our sports program until Sam Rutigliano joined it," Falwell said.

"More important to us, parents and potential athletes nationwide are now looking at Liberty with greater esteem. I had no idea that the spotlight would be on our sports program so quickly."

Rutigliano and other Liberty officials realize, however, that the spotlight will dim if the football program doesn't continue to win and follow its announced blueprint. Falwell has spoken several times about his dream of one day facing Notre Dame on the football field.

"As long as they've got a scoreboard, there will be pressure," Rutigliano said. "I'll feel as much pressure as I did in Cleveland. With all the attention we've had, the pressure rises. I'd rather have it that way than not to have anyone follow us."

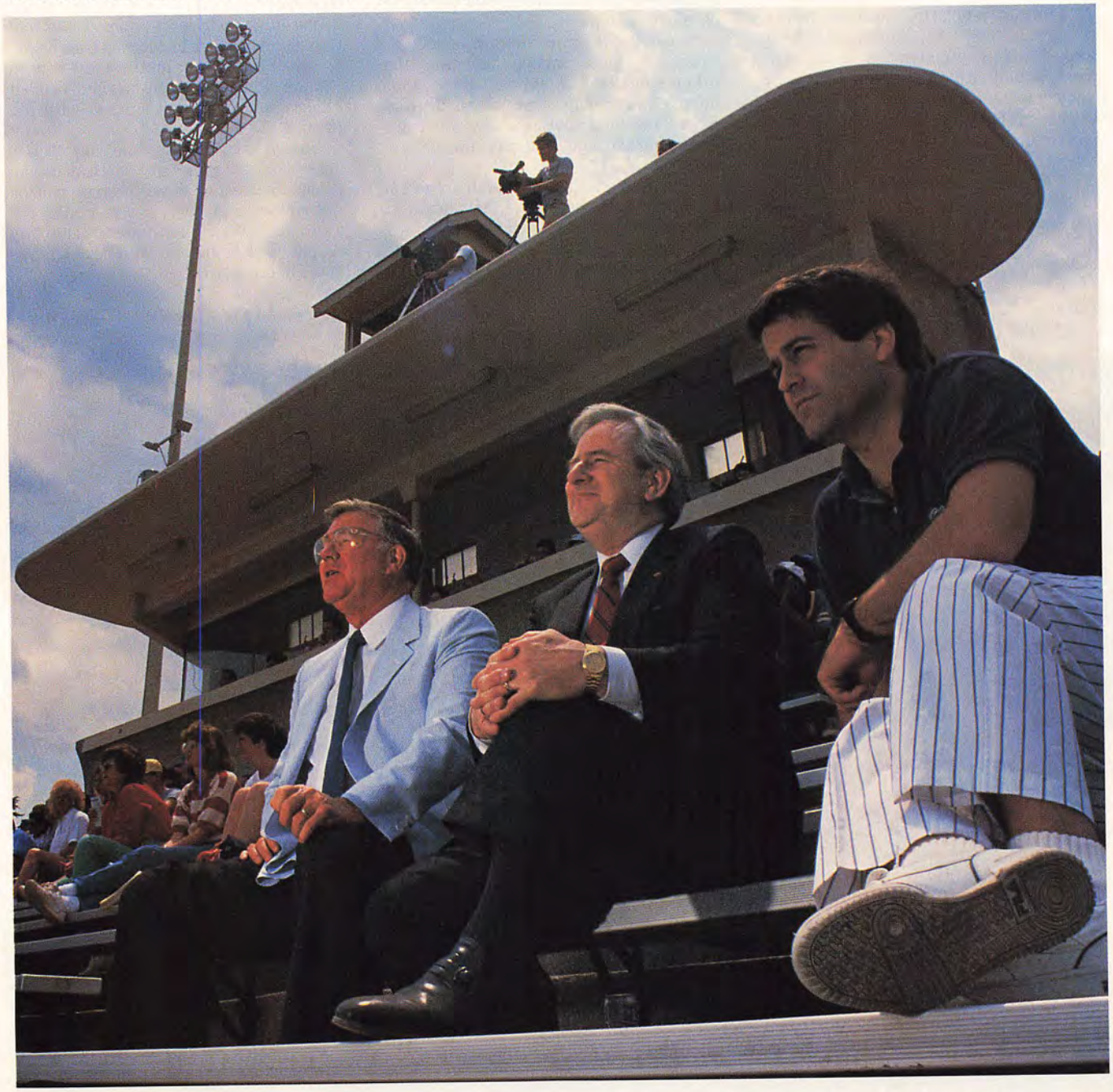
Clearly, the national media will lose interest quickly if Liberty continues to play the likes of Edinboro and Kutztown, two of the opponents on this year's schedule. But Falwell's goals are anything but small.

"I think it will be the turn of the century before we're a dominant force in football," Falwell said. "Our baseball program is there right now under the direction of Bobby Richardson (the former New York Yankees second baseman). Basketball and football take a little longer."

To help speed up the process, Liberty has hired an assistant athletic director, J.B. Coincon, whose chief responsibilities will be in the areas of promotions and ticket sales. Coincon is a former Sugar

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Rev. Jerry Falwell is the biggest fan of his school's athletic teams. Here, he watches Liberty's spring football game with Athletic Director Al Worthington (left) and administrative assistant Mark DeMoss.



Bowl official and food-company executive in New Orleans who retired to the Lynchburg area.

"There's more going on here right now than goes on at some schools in 25 years," Coincon said. "What school gets a basketball arena, a football stadium, a practice field, a track and a soccer stadium in one year? And the beauty of it is, 85 percent of it is donated.

"We've got to fill our 12,000-seat stadium before we expand to 36,000. But let me say, the university has never promoted the product. This school is unique in that the athletic department does not support itself. One day, I'd like to see the athletic department helping the academic side.

"This city is polarized to some degree. One group thinks Dr. Falwell can do no wrong. Another group thinks he can do no right. I think athletics can be used as a vehicle to diffuse that polarization."

The first big step toward depolarization will depend on the coaching talents of Rutigliano, who last worked on the collegiate level in 1966 as an assistant at Maryland under Lou Saban. He moved with Saban to the Denver Broncos one year later.

"We were playing Florida State in our last game (at Maryland)," Rutigliano said. "We had just made our halftime adjustments and I was sitting in the press box with Dick MacPherson (the current Syracuse coach).

"I was on the phones with Lou and he said: 'Put the headset down, get a Coke and a hot dog because I'm leaving this place. We're going to Denver.' I said, 'What do you mean, Denver?' My wife had just bought new carpeting. We'd only been there nine months."

Rutigliano was to remain in the NFL for 18 years, including 6½ seasons as head coach of the Cleveland Browns, where he enjoyed considerable success despite his team's 47-50 overall record. He has seen both sides of the fence and he disagrees with those who prefer professional coaching because of a perceived lack of distractions.

"When people make that statement, they think the grass is greener on the other side," he said, "but maybe the grass is greener because somebody is taking care of it better.

"Whatever the problems are in college, I can give you a complete agenda on the other side. Of course, you have your agents. Guys who aren't even drafted have a financial adviser, a guy who signs their contract, a guy who pays the electric bill.

"The problems in pro football are astronomical. The owners have their heads in the sand. They're all ostriches when they say the drug problem is waning. They haven't even tapped what's been going on in steroids.

"It's a matter of choice, and a lot of guys are making the right choice. But there's no deterrent. In my humble opinion, it'll never be solved until there's random and mandatory drug testing."

Rutigliano probably won't be dealing with those problems at Liberty, where students are not allowed to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco; where there is a dress code but no coed dorms or parties; where there is chapel three times a week.

Liberty isn't for everybody, as Rutigliano learned during his first recruiting forays in more than 20 years. He ran into three kinds of prospects: committed Christians, those on the fence and those who said "no way."

"You get in and out of the car a lot," Rutigliano said. "I had a kid tell me, 'I know I'm making a mistake, but I want to hear rock music.' I said, 'Fine, then I think you should go to Rhode Island with your tape deck.' "

One of the players who originally told Rutigliano he wasn't interested was 6-foot-8, 300-pound Richmond native Kevin Farkas, who eventually agreed to visit Liberty and ended up signing with the Flames.

"He got saved," Rutigliano said. "Sometimes you say somebody was saved and people think we have a swimming pool or something. The boy's father called me and said: 'What happened? The boy bought a Bible and told me I couldn't cuss in the house anymore.' "



Falwell (left) and Rutigliano look over construction of a 12,000-seat football stadium (with room to expand to 36,000) that will be ready for Liberty's 1989 home opener.

Rutigliano said he had turned down four Division I coaching jobs after leaving the Browns, even though he had always believed his niche was in college football.

"I never, ever figured I would be a pro coach," he said. "I can remember a college president saying to me a couple of years ago, 'I don't know if you can recruit.' He obviously hadn't looked at my resume.

"I really believe I prefer college over the pros in terms of the entry of talent. In the pros, you rely on the player personnel director, but the player personnel director never gets fired. The coaches are the ones who get fired.

"In college, I have a chance to control my own destiny. I can use my talents to visit with a kid and his parents, and I like those odds."

Rutigliano was fired by Cleveland after the Browns had struggled to a 1-7 record in 1984. He says he feels sympathy for Hout, whose 1988 team came within eight points of a perfect season.

"I didn't replace Morgan Hout; you've got to understand that," Rutigliano said. "I replaced a vision for the program. I have a great sensitivity for Morgan Hout and a great respect for the job he did."

Hout said his faith has kept him from any personal attacks on Falwell or the school, but it has been difficult to understand why a change was necessary after the progress that was evident in 1988.

"If we had been 3-8, it would have been much easier to take, much easier (for Falwell) to do, too," Hout said. "I said all along that next year (1989) would have been our best team."

The rumors of a change were so strong at one point, Hout said, that he questioned Worthington after the team's seventh game and was told Falwell had nothing in the works.

"I think the rumors started when (Rutigliano) was here for chapel," quarterback Paul Johnson said. "It was mandatory, which meant everybody was there, except maybe for a few who skipped. Everybody was suspicious."

When the move finally came, the players were candid in their expressions of support for their fired coach.

"I didn't think they'd go through with it," defensive back Donald Smith said. "I was real upset because I didn't like it. We had a real good relationship with the old staff. It was like a big family."

It didn't take long for the players to develop a relationship with the new staff. There was little change in the winter workouts, but spring practices were shorter and Rutigliano's presence was inspiring.

"I was out of coaching for (four) years," he said, "and I think the right word for it would be 'exhilarating.' In the NFL, I was an administrator, a delegator—not an abdicator, but I kind of coached the coaches.

"This year we were short because I didn't hire an offensive coordinator. So, I coached the quarterbacks and receivers and coordinated the offense. That I hadn't done in 10 years."

Rutigliano steps into a winning situation. He has a strong-armed quarterback, Johnson, who completed 58.3 percent of his passes for 1,578 yards and 18 touchdowns last season. Tailback Charles McCray scored 15 touchdowns and 6-6, 246-pound tight end Eric Green could be an early NFL draft pick.



Falwell and Rutigliano realize the spotlight will dim if the program doesn't continue to win and follow its announced blueprint.

"With their schedule," Hout said, "they shouldn't lose many games. They ought to be national championship contenders."

There is little question where the football program needs to go next. The Flames have expressed interest in joining the Southern Conference, but wouldn't be opposed to forming their own league.

"The one agreement Dr. Falwell and I have is that I'm in charge of the scheduling," Rutigliano said. "I say that a bit facetiously, but I don't want to reach too high because of a check. To lose games 77-0 or 78-6 does little for your program.

"We're not begging the Southern Conference to let us in. We've got a lot to offer them, too, with television and all these facilities. College football is out of business tomorrow without TV, and we've got it."

Rutigliano was referring to Family Network, Falwell's cable system that operates in 22 states with a potential viewing audience of 1.2 million people. All of Liberty's home games will be aired in 1989.

Some Southern Conference members are understandably skeptical of Liberty's football program because of its capacity for raising money and because of its expressed goals for moving up to Division I-A.

"We want to crawl before we walk, and walk before we run," Rutigliano said. "If we become too big, we'll leave. Our fellow conference members would be the first to tell us. Right now, they can rest easy."

But there are those who will tell you that Liberty already is running—and running fast. They need only to point back to a 1985 act of nature that changed the complexion of everything.

The base of operations for Liberty's first 12 years of existence was Treasure Island, an island in the middle of the James River that was about a 10-mile drive from the campus. A 1985 flood destroyed the complex and forced Liberty to cancel its last two games of the schedule.

"Everything was wiped out," Hout said. "We were able to save one football, because it was in my office upstairs, and one headgear. We didn't have an office to recruit from, so they stuck us in a building downtown.

"It was really a blessing that the flood came through because it hastened our move into new facilities. But it was just another thing we had to go through to build the program."

The Flames have come a long way since the flood and there's no reason to believe that they won't continue at that pace until Falwell has reached his ultimate goal.

Will Liberty University someday be matched against Notre Dame on the football field? As far-fetched as that idea might have seemed in the early 1970s, one has to suspect now that it's certainly within the realm of possibility. ■

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It's scary just thinking how good Arizona State's Shane Collins can be in football and in track

By BOB YOUNG
Arizona Republic

Don Bocchi, an Arizona State assistant coach who was coordinating Sun Devil football recruiting in 1987, won't forget his first trip to Bozeman, Mont.

"There were all these stuffed geese in the airport," Bocchi said, laughing at the memory. "You know, they were hanging all around the airport like they were flying. As we flew in, I remember thinking how pretty the mountains there were.

"And there was this kid, this phenomenal kid."

The kid was Shane Collins, whose athletic exploits already had made him famous in Montana. His prowess first became evident when he was 5 and an older cousin came to Bozeman to compete in the high jump in a state meet.

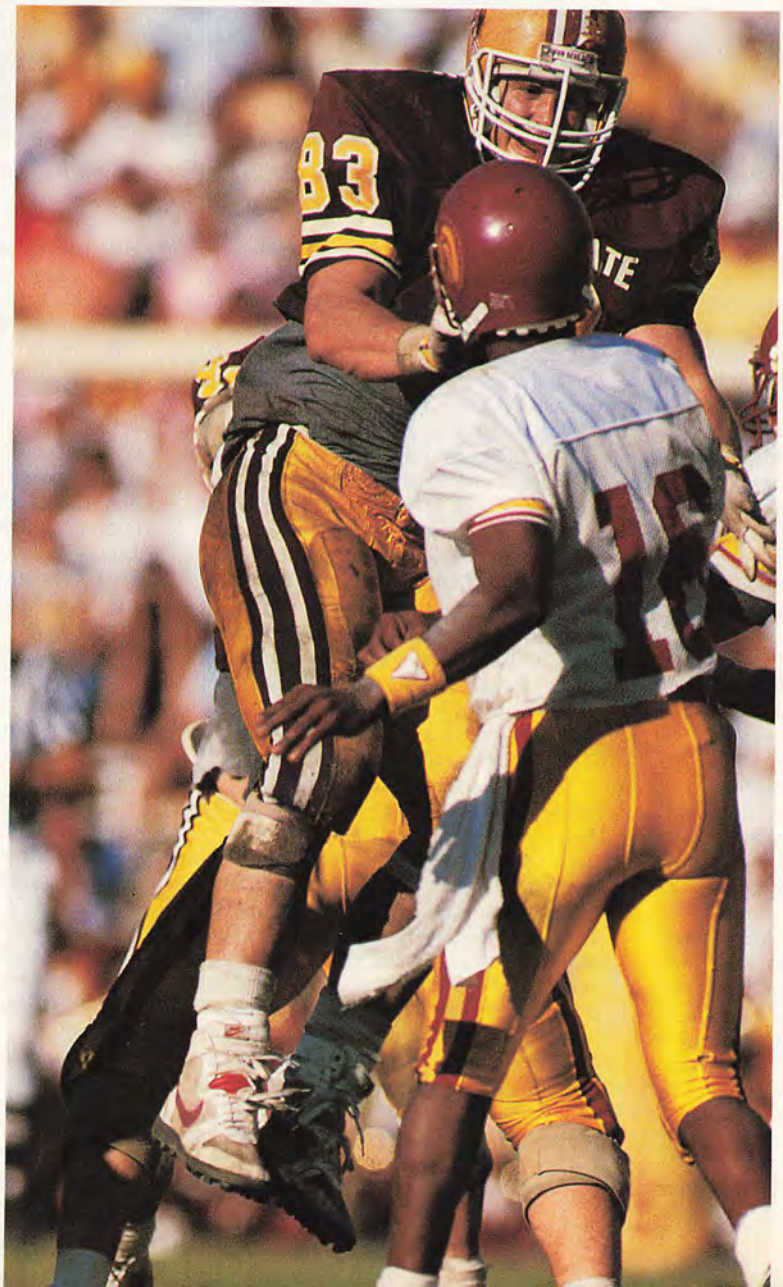
"Shane wanted to know how he could get into the meet," recalled Collins' father, Don, an ecology professor at Montana State. "Shane was pretty big, so I told him to try the shot put."

Five-year-olds put a six-pound shot, so Papa Collins sent him to find a six-pound object with which to practice. Armed with a bathroom scale, young Shane climbed the hill behind the family home and weighed stones until he found a nice six-pounder.

"Shane practiced all afternoon," his father said. "The next day, at the meet, I told him to ask another kid if he could borrow his shot, and Shane took three or four practice throws with it."

Shane advanced to the finals and then set a state age-group record as he won first place. When a meet official congratulated Shane and asked how long he had been in the sport, Shane replied, "I threw a rock yesterday."

A track star was born. Before Collins left Bozeman for Arizona State in 1987, he had set virtually every state and regional age-group record in the shot put and discus. His 65-foot, ½-inch shot put as a junior at Bozeman High School was the best in the nation among prep athletes in 1986. A superb all-around athlete, he also excelled in basketball and football, earning all-state honors in both sports. He was named Montana's outstanding football player his senior year.



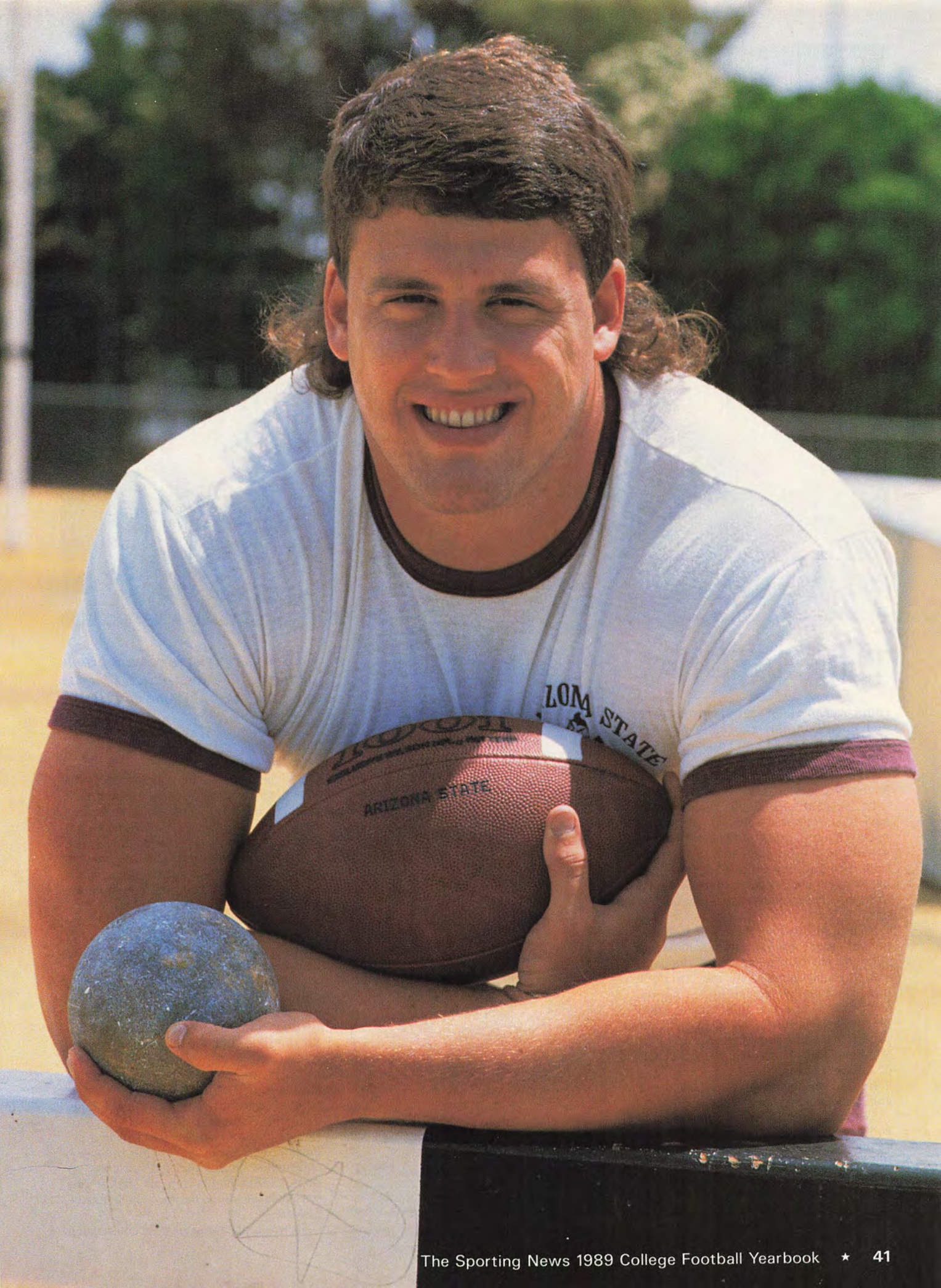
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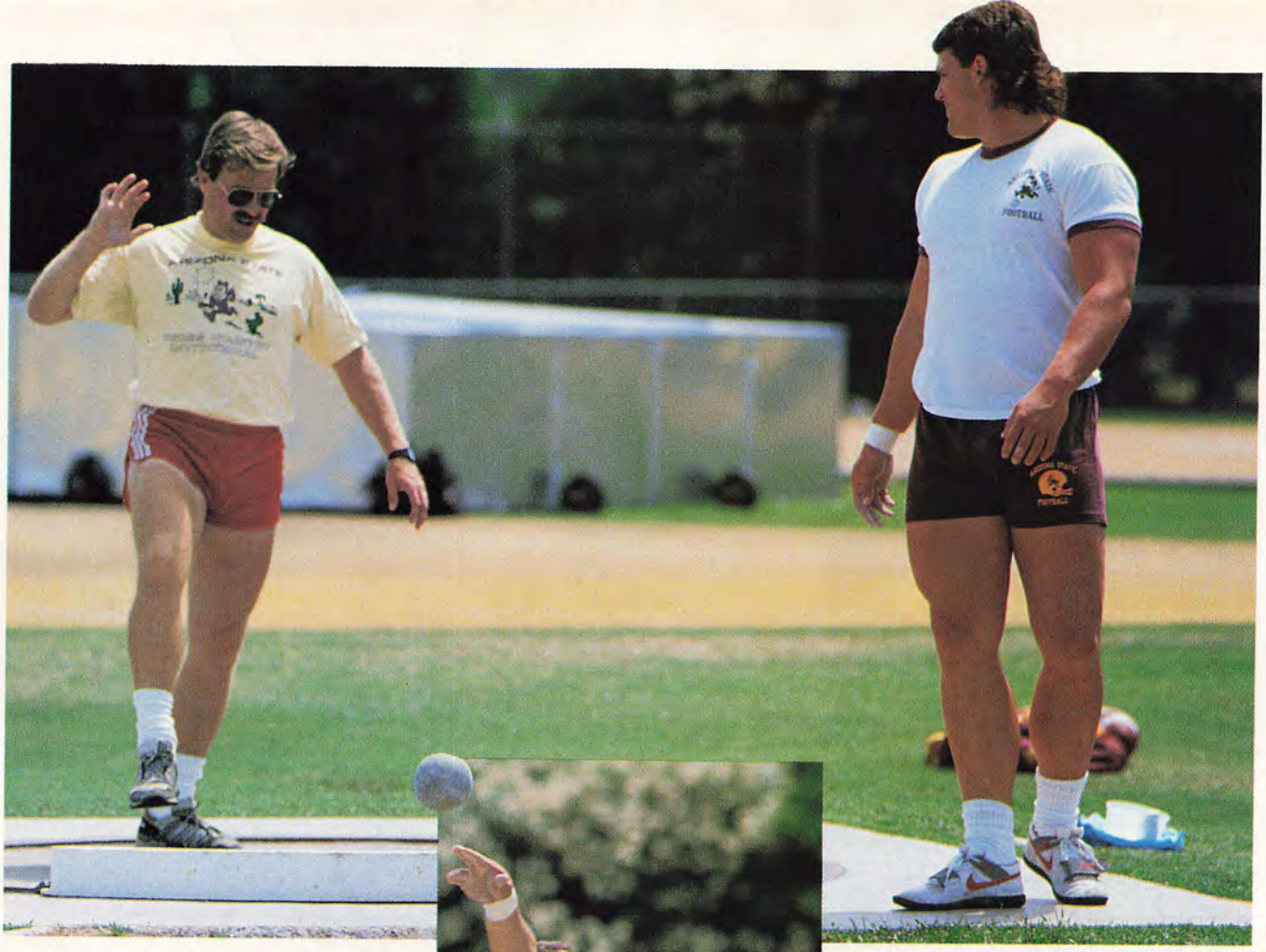
All of which would explain Bocchi's trip to Bozeman to recruit Collins. The Sun Devils didn't ordinarily venture into Big Sky country for football talent, but Collins was a special case. And yet, Bocchi never would have bothered to fly to Bozeman had it not been for a conversation he had with an Arizona State track coach at the athletic department's annual Christmas party in 1986.

Ed Gorman, who coaches the weight events for Arizona State, had his heart set on landing Collins. Trouble was, Collins had his heart set on playing two sports in college—football and track. And an Arizona State graduate football assistant had told Bocchi that his telephone conversations with Collins were not encouraging.

"We didn't think he was all that interested in ASU," said Bocchi, who now coaches Sun Devil wide receivers. "Then Ed

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came over to me at that Christmas party and said, 'Don, this kid really wants to come to ASU.' I told him I'd give Shane a call. It turned out he was right.

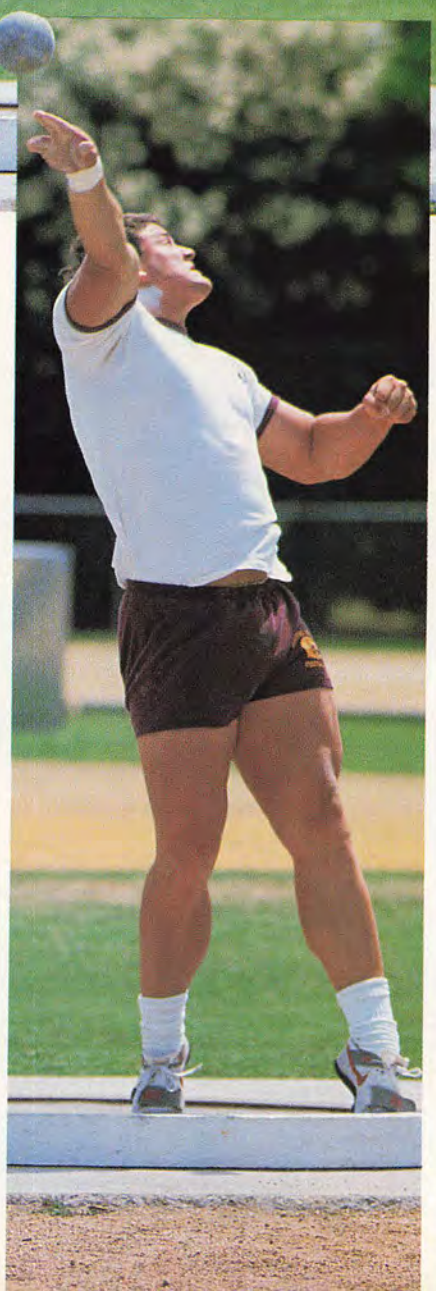
"If Ed hadn't been on his toes, we'd have never gotten Shane."

In fact, the Sun Devils would never have even recruited Collins if not for Gorman. "I don't think we'd have known about him if Ed hadn't told us," Bocchi said. "We had him on a list somewhere, but we don't usually go up there. We went to Montana for one reason—Shane Collins."

Collins, meanwhile, wasn't so sure that he was major college football material. "Coming out of high school, it (football) was still a big question for me," said Collins, who plays defensive tackle for the Sun Devils. "I thought, 'Holy smokes, can I play in the Pac-10?' ASU had just won the Rose Bowl, and I had grown up watching Montana State. This is obviously a couple of notches above that."

He had no doubts, however, about his ability in track.

"When I came to ASU, I knew I could compete in track," Collins said. "I had competed nationally and internationally. But I didn't get all that much attention in football (in high school). Track opened a lot of doors for me in that way. A lot of track coaches talked football coaches into looking at some film of me."



Collins has Olympic potential competing in the shot put according to his track coach, Ed Gorman (left).

Even after watching Collins on film, however, the Sun Devil coaches weren't swept off their feet.

"When you put a film on, he wasn't the kind of guy who just seemed to dominate," Bocchi said. "He played for a bad team, and he played all sorts of positions—tight end, outside linebacker, inside linebacker, fullback. The thing was, he was moving around like a 170-pound high school kid and he weighed 230 pounds. You could see he was a great athlete."

Said Collins: "They used to just tell me where to line up and they'd hike the ball. I was bigger than most the guys I played against, and that's half the battle."

When Collins was assured that he could compete in both football and track in Tempe, he agreed to attend Arizona State, turning down scholarship offers from Washington and Texas, among others. The results have been impressive: As a redshirt freshman last season, Collins started 10 of 11 games and was the mainstay of Arizona State's defensive line, leading the unit with 67 tackles (46 unassisted) and four sacks. He also had six tackles for losses, one fumble recovery, one fumble caused and four pass deflections. Collins heads into his sophomore season as one of the nation's top defensive tackles.

"It was a phenomenal year considering

he had never played a down position on defense before," Sun Devils Coach Larry Marmie said. "Everything he did, he did with pure athletic ability."

Perhaps nobody was more surprised than Collins, who came to Tempe as a 6-foot-3, 230-pounder and immediately underwent surgery for an old shoulder injury. By last fall he was up to 6-4 and 255 pounds, but he still was surprised that he could play with the big boys right away. "If somebody had told me I would be playing already," he said, "I'd have said, 'No way.'"

Fortunately for Collins, his coaches were more optimistic—especially after getting their first good look at him.

"That first day of practice he came out in shorts, and we all just said, 'Geez,'" Bocchi recalled. "Somebody threw him a ball, and he jumped way up there to grab it. I said, 'Nobody that big should be able to do that.'"

Tim McClellan, the Sun Devils' strength and conditioning coach, said Collins—who runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds and has the vertical leap (36½ inches) of a defensive back—arrived in Tempe with as much natural ability as he has seen.

"Where he's gone from (since) his freshman year in a very short time is electrifying," McClellan said. "He hasn't been able to overtrain in the weight room because of the surgery and all the time in track and football.

"He weighs 270 pounds (after bulking up even more in the off-season) and only has 11 percent body fat. He can run like a deer and jump like a gazelle."

Here's the scary part for opponents: The 20-year-old sophomore has not yet reached his potential.

"His boundaries are limitless," McClellan said. "I'm telling you, whatever he wants to be, he will be. His leg strength is not near where it could be yet. By the time he's a senior, he'll be about 290 pounds and he isn't going to lose any speed or explosiveness. In fact, he'll add it."

By that time, McClellan said, Collins should be better than former Sun Devil guard Randall McDaniel, a 1987 consensus All-America and a first-round draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings.

"Randall left here with a 36-inch vertical leap," McClellan said. "That was after four years of weight training. Shane jumped 36½ when he got here. That's the beauty of the whole thing.

"I feel certain in saying he doesn't even understand how good he's going to be. Except for running from point A to point B (McDaniel ran the 40 in 4.55 seconds), I think Shane will take himself further than Randall."

Defensive line coach Mike Ackerley said Collins reminds him of Kansas City Chiefs defensive end Mike Bell, whom he coached at Colorado State.

"Mike ended up being the second player taken in the (1979) NFL draft," Ackerley said. "He was a great player who won all the awards. I would say Shane is along the same lines. He has that kind of explosiveness and quickness off the ball.

"It shows up in track, too. That's why he's so great in the shot, because he's got that explosiveness. I'll tell you, I haven't had too many kids who were able to power-clean 300 pounds. That lift (in which a weight is raised quickly from the knees to the shoulders) is the best measure of the explosive ability I'm talking about. Shane hasn't done that much lifting and he cleans well over 300 pounds. Mike Bell was in the same range."

According to McClellan, Collins power-cleaned 325 pounds the first time he was tested. "We were excited with that," he said. "He has been able to train hard since the end of football and he now can do that five or six reps. That's an unbelievable change."

Collins also is durable. He often played every defensive down for the Sun Devils, sometimes more than 80 plays in a game.

"He played just about every snap of the season," Ackerley said. "He had a great year, and he really was learning the techniques along the way."

Ackerley said teams began changing their blocking schemes as the 1988 season wore on, adjusting to Collins.

"I saw a little of that, but not nearly as much as I'll see this season, I guarantee you that," Collins said.

The Sun Devil coaches would like Collins to spend his springs refining his tech-

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nique, but they are standing by their original agreement—albeit reluctantly—to let him compete in track. After splitting time between track and football practice in the spring of '88, Collins focused entirely on track last spring. Marmie wanted him in shoulder pads instead, but he had to honor a promise he had made when he was former coach John Cooper's defensive coordinator.

"I went and visited him in high school, too," Marmie said. "I remember the conversation like it was yesterday. We sat in the principal's office, and I told him if he wanted to be at the track in the spring, we'd let him do it. I was tempted to talk him out of it (last spring), but I didn't think it would be fair after the talk we had."

Said Ackerley: "I'm selfish. I wish I had him in the spring. But I feel God gave him some unique ability, and he'd be foolish if he didn't take advantage of it. We'd be foolish if we didn't let him.

"His goal is to go to the Olympics. Not too many of us even have that kind of dream. Heck, I told him to go ahead and go for it."

Gorman said Collins has Olympic potential, although he has a long way to go.

"He's just a baby," Gorman said. "He's a great natural athlete, but he isn't a great shot putter yet. He's not fine-tuned. He has a lot of things to learn, technique-wise. He could make monstrous improvement very quickly.

"If he was just putting the shot, it would come sooner. Same is true of football. He'd be successful a little sooner there, too, if that's all he did.

"I think he'll be ready for (the 1992 Olympics in) Barcelona. That's the only timetable we're looking at right now."

Because the Sun Devils' track program was on NCAA probation last spring and had only four home meets, Collins redshirted and competed unattached (on his own rather than as a representative of Arizona State) at several open meets. He was throwing just over 60 feet early in the spring, and he knows he must get much closer to 70 feet for a realistic shot at the U.S. Olympic team.

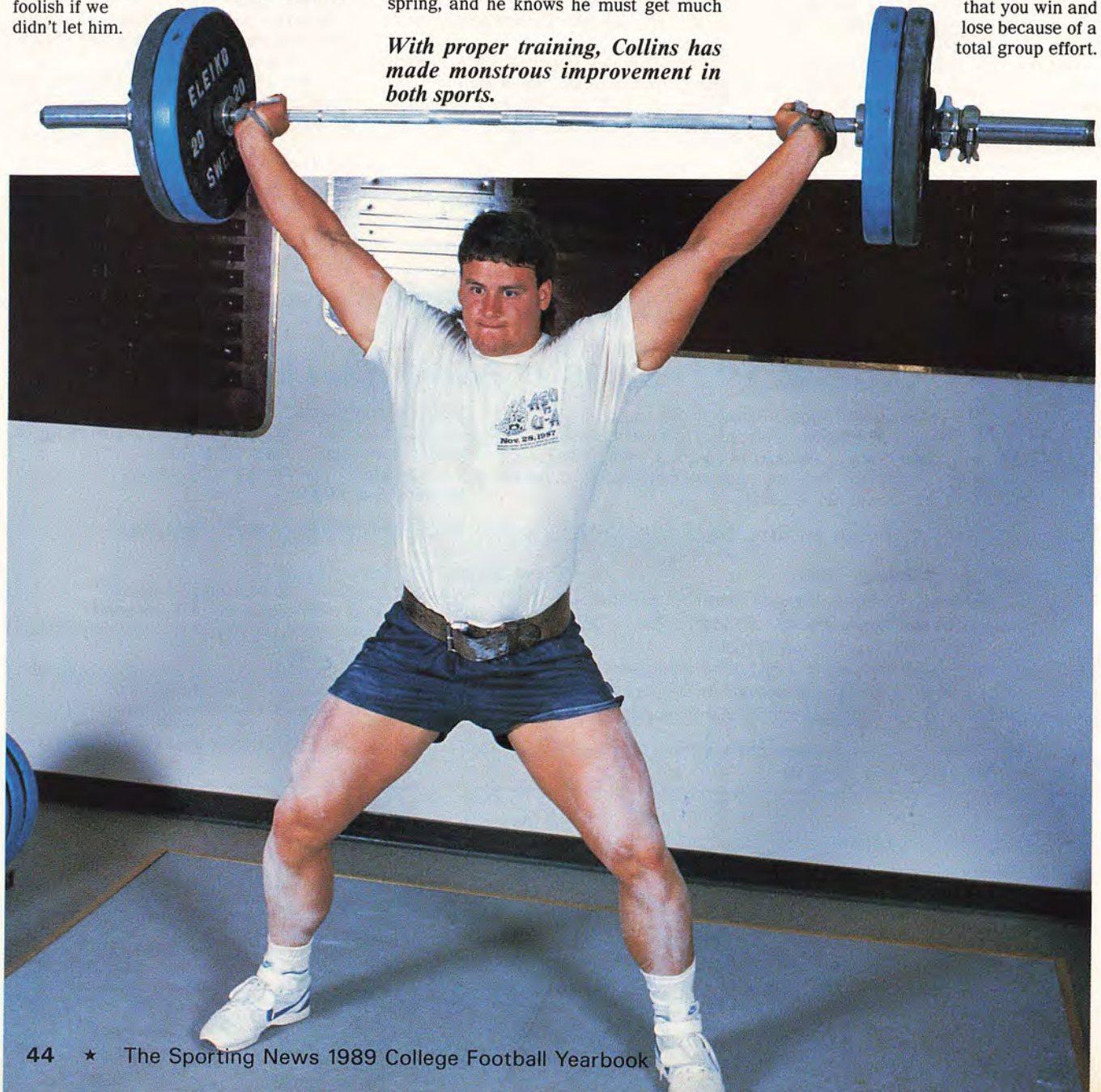
"I think there's a good possibility in '92," said Collins, who finished second in the shot at the 1988 Pac-10 meet with a toss of 59 feet, 11 inches, an inch short of the NCAA qualifying standard. "If not, then '96 is very realistic. The average age of an Olympic shot putter is 27 or 28."

San Francisco 49ers nose tackle Michael Carter is probably the most notable athlete who has done what Collins is attempting. Carter won three NCAA outdoor and four indoor titles in the shot while also playing football at Southern Methodist, and he won the silver medal at the 1984 Olympics. And Collins, like Carter, believes football is his future.

"I know track isn't going to pay the bills," said Collins, who maintains a 3.0 grade-point average in general business. "If I don't make the team in '92 and I've got a chance to play pro (football), the decision will be cut-and-dried right there.

"If I had to choose right now, I'd play football. It's a game that you win and lose because of a total group effort.

With proper training, Collins has made monstrous improvement in both sports.



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"Gosh dang, that feels good—all those high-fives and doing stupid stuff in the locker room. It's corny, but there's nothing greater."

Collins believes his sophomore campaign can be even greater than his impressive freshman season.

"I've got my feet wet now," he said. "It's time. I can't use that line, 'Well, it's my first year and I'm not really that experienced.' I have to be a true impact player this season."

He knows he will be watched closely this year not only by his fans in the Arizona desert, but also by the folks back home in Montana. "There is some pressure on me to succeed," he said.

It wasn't easy for Collins to leave Montana, where the preservation of natural resources is a high priority. There was immense pressure to keep a natural wonder at home.

"I had to leave there to accomplish all the things I want to accomplish," Collins explained. "But when I'm finished, I'll end up back there.

"My dad and I like to go hiking through the park (Yellowstone), taking pictures of the wildlife that most people never get a chance to see. My whole family loves the outdoors. We do a lot of hunting, fishing, water skiing. I miss that. I still love it there. It's where I'm from." ■



If Collins had to choose between sports, he'd play football because "there's nothing in the world like that feeling after a win."

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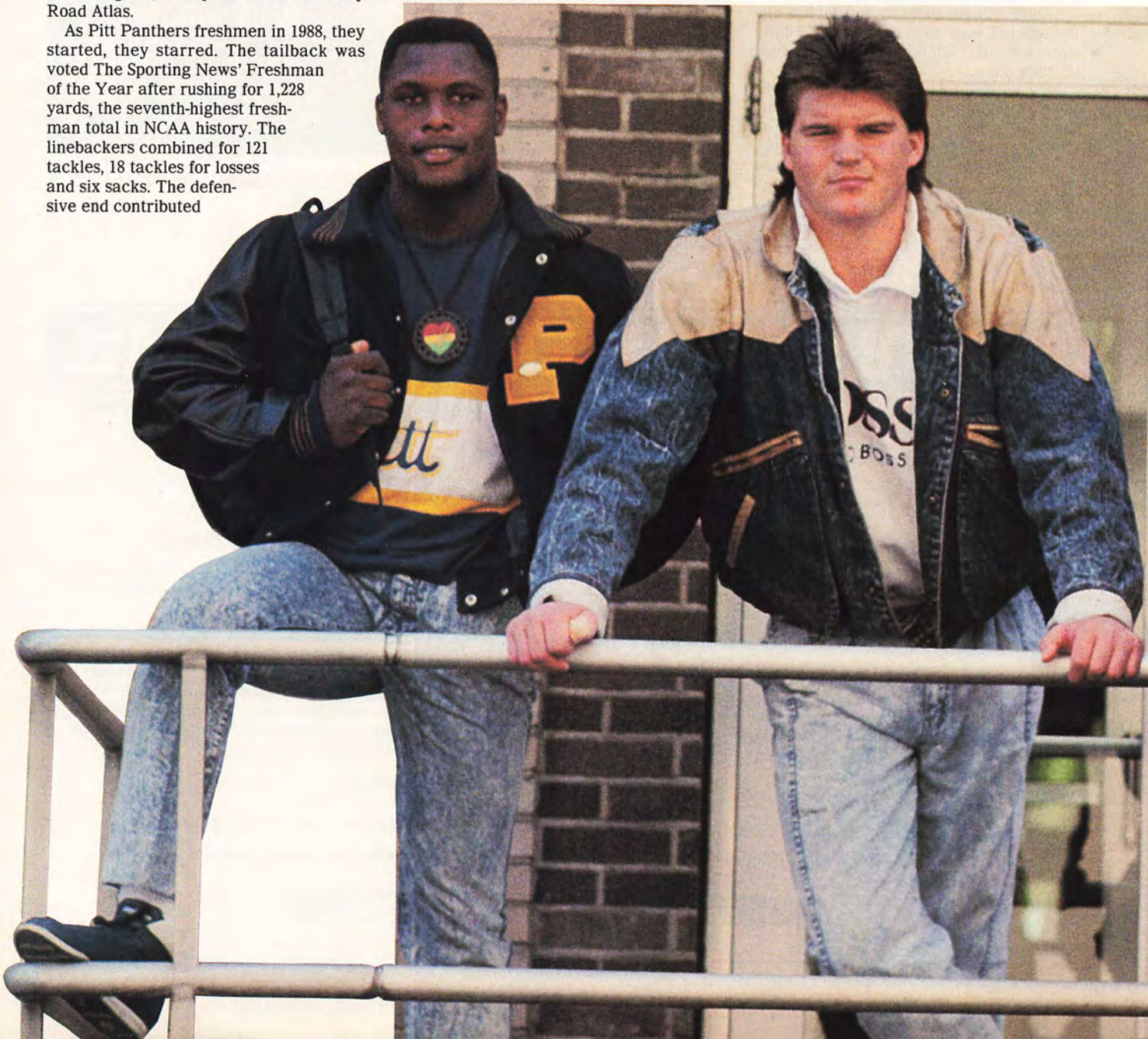
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Man, can they move. Curvin Richards from Trinidad to St. Croix to Houston to Minneapolis, from boxer to back. Ricardo McDonald from Jamaica to New Jersey, from cricket player to crack linebacker. Mike Chalenski from one Garden State Parkway exit to the next, from back to linebacker to defensive end. Curtis Bray from Pittsburgh to Toronto to Pittsburgh to Memphis....

To Pitt they came a year ago. It seemed only natural. After all, this is the city whose mills and mines long ago attracted the foreign-born. This is the campus bordered by such ethnic neighborhoods as Polish Hill and Swissvale. This is the university for transplants.

So a Pitt stop it was for the much-traveled four: Richards, the Trinidadian tailback; McDonald, the Jamaican linebacker; Chalenski, the Joisey defensive end; and Bray, the linebacker one part Pittsburgher, one part Rand McNally Road Atlas.

As Pitt Panthers freshmen in 1988, they started, they starred. The tailback was voted The Sporting News' Freshman of the Year after rushing for 1,228 yards, the seventh-highest freshman total in NCAA history. The linebackers combined for 121 tackles, 18 tackles for losses and six sacks. The defensive end contributed



sensational set of sophomores: Ricardo McDonald and Curtis Bray

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50 tackles and 2½ sacks despite sharing time with Burt Grossman, a first-round 1989 draft choice of the National Football League.

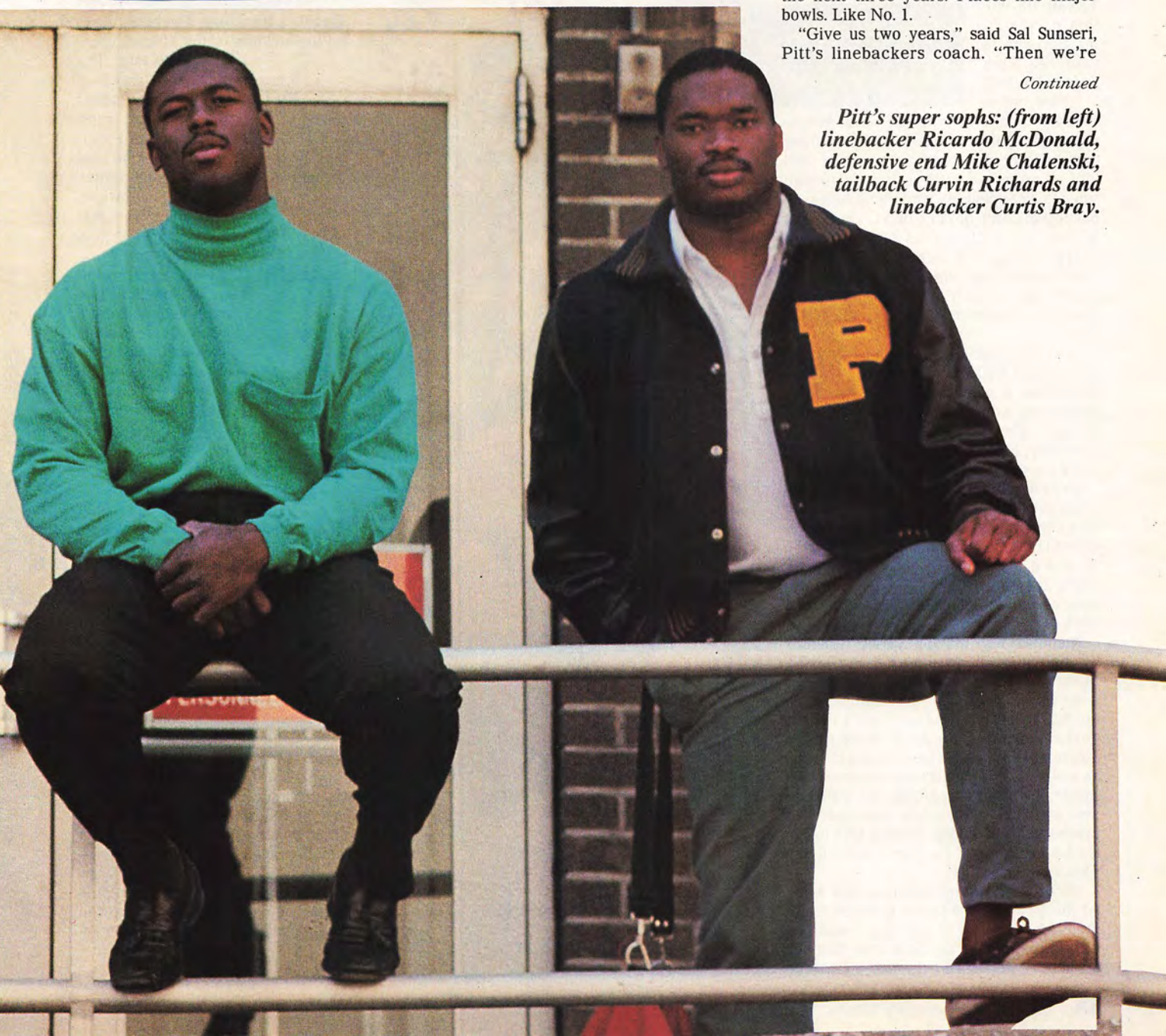
You want individual highlights, try these: Richards' 207 yards on 17 carries against Navy; McDonald's eight tackles and two tackles for losses against Temple; Chalenski's 10 tackles against Notre Dame; Bray's 10 tackles, two tackles for losses and a pass deflection against West Virginia.

You want a joint effort, how about this: On November 12 in a 14-7 defeat of Penn State, Richards gathered 159 yards rushing, Bray a safety and an interception, and McDonald and Chalenski 14 tackles, two tackles for losses and a sack between them.

The 6-5 Panthers certainly could have been dull last season without them. With them, the future glistens. Some pollsters list Pitt among the Top 20 this season. But that's just a starting point. These upwardly mobile players talk about going places the next three years. Places like major bowls. Like No. 1.

"Give us two years," said Sal Sunseri, Pitt's linebackers coach. "Then we're

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Pitt's super sophs: (from left) linebacker Ricardo McDonald, defensive end Mike Chalenski, tailback Curvin Richards and linebacker Curtis Bray.

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going to be great—national champions and all. That's our goal."

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Coming to America, Curvin Richards envisioned himself in front of large crowds, dazzling them with his moves, his head fakes. But this he failed to see.

Football?

"Boxing, that was it," he said. It was his sport of preference by age 8. "It was really fun," he recalled. "I remember losing one fight. All I know is his name was Lulu. He was good, too." A real Lulu.

"Anyway," he continued, "when I came to America, that's what I wanted to do, box. But I couldn't find anyplace to do it."

One day, not long after arriving in the Houston suburb of Baytown, Tex., 10-year-old Curvin accidentally wandered into his neighbor's apartment. There he met Donovan Forbes, who now is a quarterback at Texas. It was this native Jamaican who introduced Richards to football.

Richards became only the second Pitt player to rush for 1,000 yards as a freshman.

Never before 1980 had Richards witnessed this American animal called football, which in most countries means soccer, which he had kicked around a little in the Caribbean sun. He had spent his youth with baseball, basketball and boxing in St. Croix and Trinidad, the islands his family hopped yearly so Curvin's father, Kelvin, could find construction work. Then came that fateful day when Forbes flicked on the television. Richards could not believe his eyes.

"The first time I saw football, it freaked my mind a little bit," he said. "I didn't know how a man could make his shoulders so big. I didn't know they wear shoulder pads. Honest."

In time, he admits, "I saw the light." He has been running toward it ever since.

Oh, Forbes helped. When Richards offered to play lineman for his first football team, the midget Dirt Dobbers, Forbes redirected him to running back. It proved to be quite a career move. Particularly when the family changed Houston addresses, moving to the Galveston Bay port town of La Porte.

Richards was playing varsity tailback by the end of his freshman season at La Porte High School. Starting his sophomore year, he dazzled in the I-formation, gaining 1,577 yards that season and 1,106 the next. Recruiting analysts downgraded him a bit when he garnered just 811 yards as a senior. But it had been an emotional season; he had figured little in La Porte's new wishbone offense and his family had moved to Minneapolis, leaving him to finish his last year at La Porte while living with another family.

Nebraska, Pitt and Arkansas still wanted the 5-foot-10, 190-pound tailback to dot their I-formations. "I tell you," said Nebraska running backs coach Tony Samuel, a fellow Trinidadian, "the potential to be great is there." Others were not as believing. Some publications ranked him the fifth-best running back in the state.

Look at him now. Swervin' Curvin returns from a season in which he led all freshman rushers and ranked 11th in Division I-A with 111.6 yards per game. His wondrous year began in earnest in the fourth game when starter Adam Walker was injured. Richards took over and rushed for 202 yards against Boston College that day. He surpassed 200 yards twice more, finished fifth on Pitt's single-season yardage chart and became only the second Pitt player to surpass 1,000 yards as a freshman. The other: Tony Dorsett. Richards picked his holes, faked and dashed to 140 yards per game in his eight starts.

"Nobody," said Max Emfinger, the Houston-based recruiting whiz and once a Richards doubter, "has better vision."

But this even Richards failed to see: Football stardom. The nation's most widely honored freshman football player had set his sights quite a bit lower.

"All I wanted to do was just get to play some and not get redshirted," Richards said. "I didn't expect all this."

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The way Ricardo McDonald figured it, he would become a nation's idol in the sport with 11 men on a side. "That was my goal," he said, "to be a professional cricket player."

But when he and twin brother Devon were 12, the family left behind Kingston, cricket and the Caribbean and headed north to join relatives in Paterson, N.J. There, football and linebacker Lawrence Taylor cast a Giant shadow over most New York-area kids.

Most, but not the McDonalds. "Too much contact," they scoffed.

It required some convincing by cousin Winston Lattiboudere (now a defensive tackle at Bowie State in Maryland), yet play they did. Devon became a fullback, Ricardo a tailback. Their first team was sponsored by—what else?—a McDonald's franchise. The twins earned the nickname "the Mac attack."

Four years later, Pitt coaches tripped over Ricardo at Eastside High School. By that time, Devon had transferred to another Paterson high school; he now is at Notre Dame. Ricardo, meanwhile, had added 25 pounds and considerable gloss to his football game in one year. He went from the defensive line to linebacker, from a skinny junior to a 6-2, 215-pound linebacker who bench-pressed 310 pounds and terrified opposing ballcarriers.

"Ricardo was always a very, very mild, meek, quiet, unassuming person," said Joe Clark, the Eastside principal profiled in the movie "Lean On Me," which was released last spring. "I was never able to prick the other side of his demeanor. But I used to see him decapitate people on the football field."

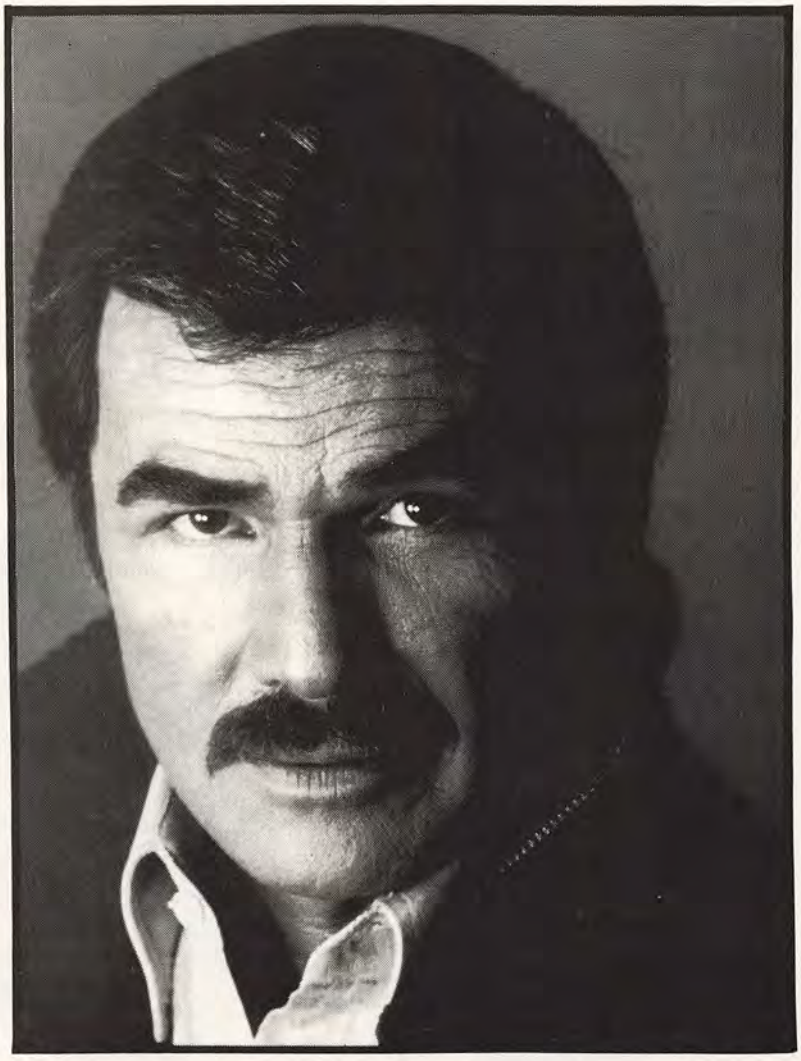
Said Barry Rosser, the Eastside coach: "The quiet, unassuming kid off the field is a deadly football player."

Pitt soon discovered as much. Panthers coaches plopped down McDonald at one linebacker spot, then another, then back. Despite all the moving and shaking, he made impressions—primarily on the bodies of running backs. Said one, Richards, his roommate, "He seems like he could kill somebody."

McDonald played the same quiet, unassuming, hit-man linebacker on fall Saturdays in 1988. On the first, September 3, the man called Rico slipped silently into the elite company of Dorsett, Hugh Green,

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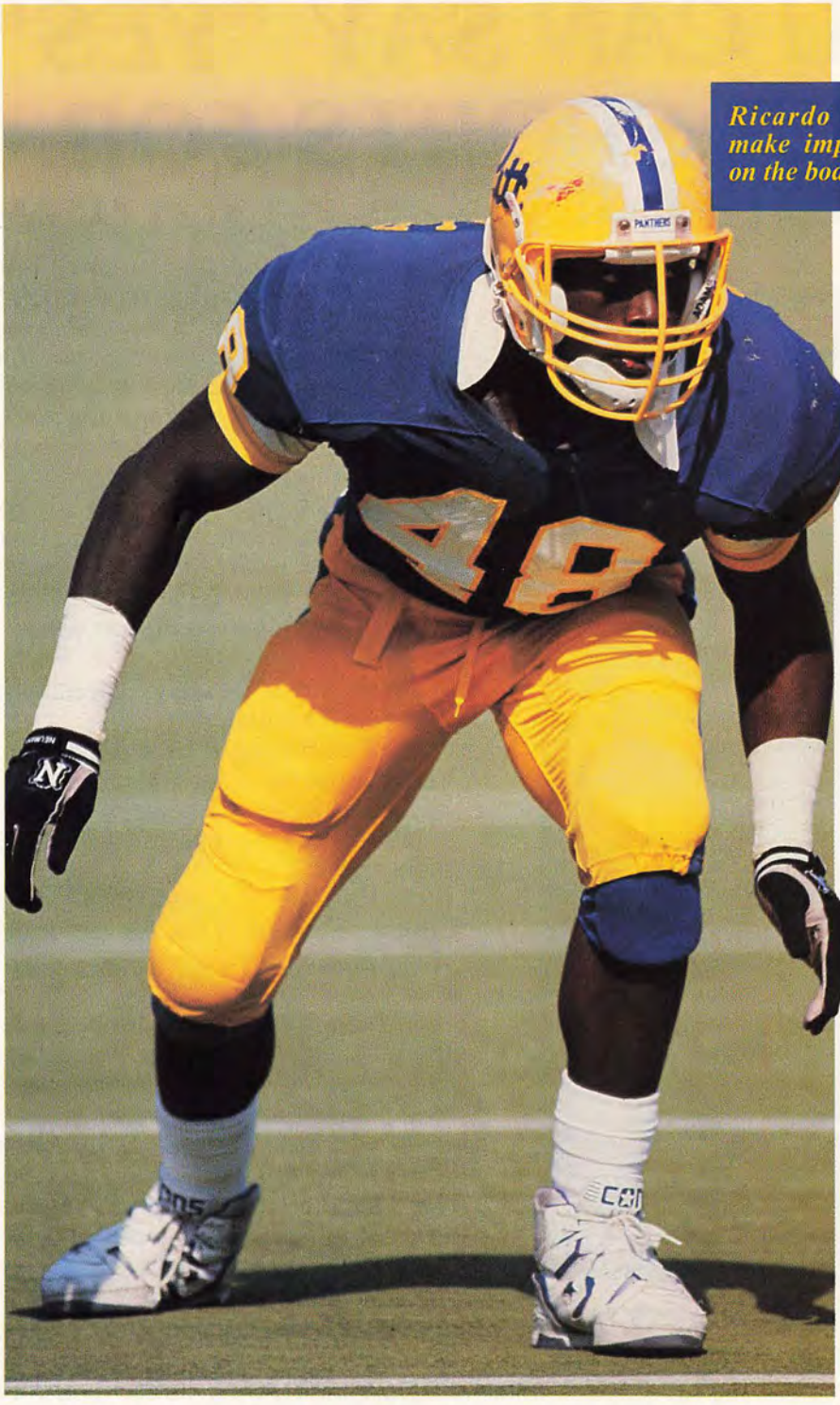
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- **National Research Center.** Northern Kentucky University is the site of NYSCA's Research and Development Center.
- **Child Abuse Education & Prevention.** NYSCA has endorsed the Exchange Club Centers for the prevention of child abuse. The purpose is to provide coaches with skills enabling them to recognize abuse and neglect among America's youth.

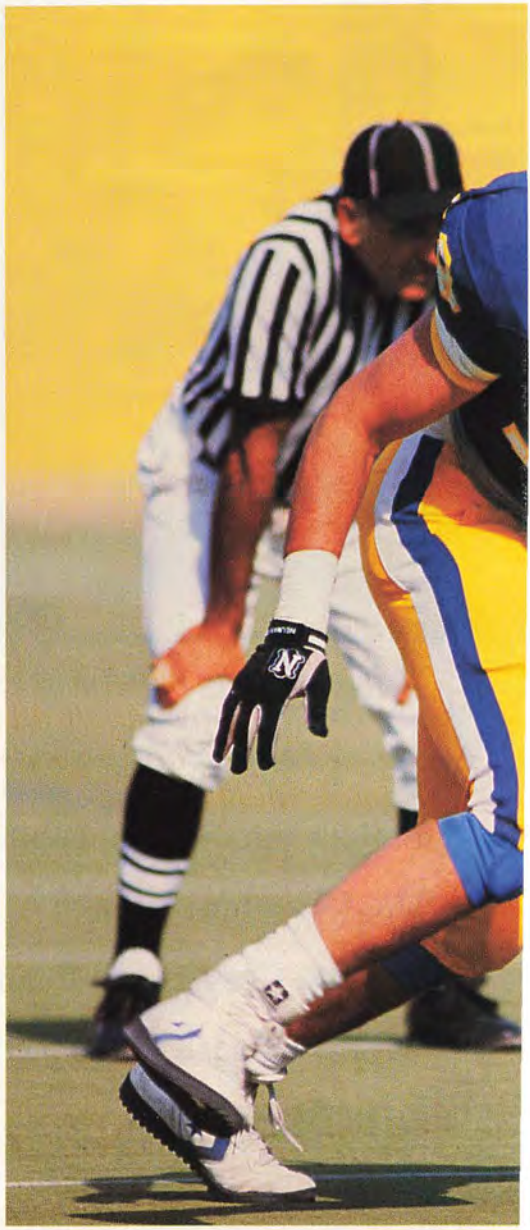


Ricardo McDonald likes to make impressions — primarily on the bodies of running backs.

Welcome to Kenilworth, N.J., population 8,700-plus, the little burg with a large crush on fall Friday nights. "Football's big there," said Tony Siragusa, a Pitt defensive tackle and Brearley alumnus. USA Today once crowned Kenilworth a town where football is king. And Mike Chalenski was its prince.

Good thing, it turns out, that when Mike was 4, his parents relocated one Parkway exit north. Garwood, N.J., hardly could have offered this: A chance for Chalenski to gather two New Jersey state championships and national attention.

It all started with a 6-foot, 175-pound freshman tailback who trailed Siragusa's blocks en route to most of his 1,000-plus yards. "We only played him one way his freshman year," Brearley Coach Bob Taylor said of Chalenski. "We never had a freshman play varsity before. Toward the end of the season, one of our safeties went down. We put Mike back there and told



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Bill Fralic and Marc Spindler—the only previous Pitt players to start from the first game of their freshman seasons. He felt no jitters.

It was not a Rico act. But this was: He played a tough guy in "Lean On Me," the Warner Brothers film about his chalkboard-jungle high school. He had been a symbol in the place where the student population is 90 percent black and Hispanic, where drug dealers and assorted hoods once roamed the halls. Alas, McDonald's part—a non-speaking role in which his character tossed somebody from a third-story window—was edited from the movie. He would be a star in only one field.

"That's show business," he said, shrugging.

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When the local heroes win at home, they walk. Down The Boulevard. With hundreds of people cheering from the sidewalks. For 22 years, David Brearley Regional High School has followed each such game with a victory march. The team parades from the stadium, down the main street, around the block and back to the school. It is a mile and a half of glory.

him to hit the receivers coming across, which he did. Well. You could tell he was going to be a good linebacker."

It all ended four seasons later with Chalenski a sturdy all-state, All-America linebacker. In between, Chalenski said, "I grew a little bit."

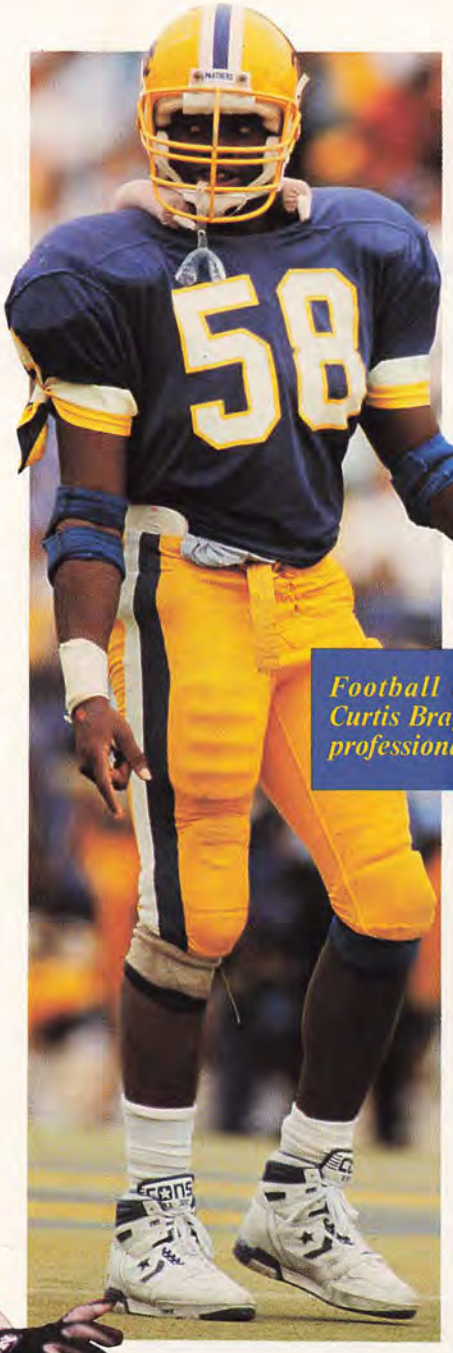
"Shot up" is how Siragusa put it. The little tailback he used to drag downfield sprouted by five inches and 60 pounds. He blossomed into the most recruited player in New Jersey. The Panthers had picked the Brearley patch before, landing offensive linemen Ed and Scott Miller and, of course, Siragusa. They got Chalenski to follow him once more, to Pitt, where he had no illusions of immediate grandeur. "I thought I was heading for a redshirt," he said.

Pitt coaches quickly realized that he could help right away, but that linebacker was not the spot for him. Even Chalenski realized you don't see many 6-5, 245-and-growing linebackers. To defensive end he went.

"It was a transition," he said. "I never played line in my life, or not since 8 years old, when I was a chubby guard."



Chalenski excelled at defensive end despite not having played on the line since he was 8.



Football is a way of life for Curtis Bray, the son of a former professional player.

The lanky end dominated while playing in place of Grossman, who would have received more All-America acclaim last season if not for injury problems, and Nelson Walker, who also was hurt. "I was surprised at how I played and how fast I picked it up," Chalenski said.

Indeed, he committed mistakes. An example: He remembers lining up in an incorrect position once against Temple. No problem. He sacked the quarterback.

"He is going to be a premier defensive end in our scheme," Sunseri said.

"It's like being an outside linebacker," Chalenski added. "Defensive end here is like a running defensive end. You're always moving."

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Two years in Toronto and the Canadian Football League. The winter back in Pittsburgh. The next summer in Memphis and the World Football League. Then back to Pittsburgh again. Where next?

So went the early childhood of Curtis Bray, son of a professional football player. Charlie Bray, an offensive lineman, toiled for six seasons in the CFL and two in the WFL before trying and failing to stick with the National Football League's New York Giants, who had given him a look in training camp. Wherever Charlie Bray went, his family was in tow. This meant half the year in Pittsburgh, half in Toronto, or Memphis, or wherever. His dad's Memphis teammates included Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield. His uncle, Tony Peters, played defensive back for the Washington Redskins. But to young Curtis, this existence was so much a bother.

"The other kids seemed more impressed with it than I was," he said. "I used to wonder, 'Every other kid's dad had a normal job; why does my dad play football?' "

Football became a way of life. Or as much as his mother allowed it. Older brother Charles "was smart," he recalled. "My mom let him play midget football, but she wouldn't let me. She knew I wouldn't do my homework." Thus, Curtis was relegated to playing football on the streets of Monroeville, a Pittsburgh suburb. "Our knees were bloody," he said.

Bray finally received the go-ahead to play in seventh grade, but on the eighth-grade team because of his large frame. He and his brother joined forces at Gateway High School—Curtis as a freshman defensive end, Charles as a senior linebacker. "I remember when I took him (Curtis) to practice as a freshman in high school," Charlie Bray recalled. "I told his coach: 'He's a gifted athlete. Give him a good look.' "

The coach apparently did, because Curtis eventually became a 6-4, 230-pound patrolling linebacker at Gateway, while his older brother started at linebacker for Yale. With pointers from brother and father, with football coursing through his veins, Bray turned into a national scholastic player of the year and a hot prospect. But Pitt was it for Bray. Maybe his youth, spent mostly as a frequent traveler, anchored him close to home.

Once at Pitt, arthroscopic knee surgery pinned him to the sidelines. That lasted all of 15 days. He entered the first game midway through the second quarter. He switched to the other outside linebacker spot and started the next game, then the rest. "Amazing," Pitt Coach Mike Gottfried said.

Added Sunseri: "This kid is special."

Bray wound up fifth on the team in total tackles, McDonald ninth, Chalenski 13th. A commendable finish, considering that they began the season changing positions, on the move. Now settled, they and Richards—Pitt's fab four—embark on three more seasons of sacking, pillaging and romping.

"That," Bray said, "should be fun." ■

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USC's John Jackson excels as a true student-athlete



Already an All-America student, John Jackson hopes to earn that status for his receiving skills as well.

By DON BORST
Tacoma Morning News Tribune

For being such a competitor, John Jackson sure has some funny ideas about the importance of playing UCLA. Or Notre Dame, for that matter.

"When it comes right down to it," the Southern Cal receiver says, "it doesn't really matter all that much who wins and loses in one of these games."

This is a guy who is on the verge of becoming the leading pass catcher in USC history. And get this: Jackson might even be a better outfielder than he is a wide receiver. As the Trojans' starting center fielder, he batted .366 as a junior and .352 over the regular season as a senior, leading the team in stolen bases both years.

A competitor? When Jackson puts on his game face, he can block out everything else in the world. And he's a gamer, often coming up with his best performances when his team needs them most, as evidenced by his .619 hitting in college baseball's 1988 playoffs.

Jackson sometimes even goes overboard. He'll get thrown out of baseball games every so often, even though he swears he doesn't swear at the umpires. He merely shows intense displeasure with their decisions. "One time, I didn't even say anything, I just stomped my feet!" he says incredulously.

None of this surprises Jackson's mother, Lillian. "He's just so sure he's safe all the time, and he'll say so," she explained. "He has always loved to play and he has always loved to win, and he gets very upset when he doesn't win. He was always that way . . . I don't know if that's good or bad."

That's why it's so funny to hear John Jackson talk about playing the crosstown rival Bruins or the Fighting Irish or anyone else on USC's football or baseball schedule. And when Jackson says it doesn't matter who wins, Jackson isn't laughing.

"I know that I am one of the fiercest competitors of anybody I have ever known," he acknowledged. "But when you're talking about college, you're talking about *lives*, not just winning and losing football or baseball games.

"Two years later, people won't remember the game, anyway, or who won. Sports are important, but what matters most in college is setting yourself up for the rest of your life."

The thing that separates Jackson from many college athletes is his perspective

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Jackson is on the verge of becoming the leading pass catcher in USC history.

about being competitive.

"I hate to lose, and if I don't do well in a class, it's like losing," he said. "The last thing I would ever like to do is go into a class for a test and not know what I'm doing. I'll stay up all night if I have to, but I'm going to know what is going on and do well on the test.

"And I'll never, ever not turn a paper in. I just couldn't do that.

"In a way, I look at school and my grade-point average as a game—and I have to win that game. But this *is* more than just a game."

An academic All-America last season, Jackson graduated in May with his business degree and a 3.2 grade-point average. He'll begin work on his master's degree this fall, given another year of football eligibility as a fifth-year senior.

"Every semester is a new challenge, and I'm sure this one will be as much or more than any of the others," he said. "I need to get a good start in graduate school, and this is our last chance to win the Rose Bowl."

Spoken like a true student-athlete. There are better football players than Jackson. And better baseball players. And better students. But rare is the student-athlete who has been able to excel in all phases of the role, a student *and* an athlete in the strictest sense of the words.

In an age in which college athletes are notorious for putting sports first and too often nothing second, when lucrative pro careers provide the one and only dream of the future for those athletes, USC Athletic Director Mike McGee isn't exaggerating when he says, "John Jackson is an example of what is right with college athletics today."

Just look what a study by the NCAA President's Commission found:

- Football and basketball players in Division I-A programs spend more time involved with their sport during the week than they do preparing for and attending classes.
- More than one-third (34 percent) of football and basketball players admit they have been on academic probation.
- Football and basketball players posted an average grade-point average of 2.46, which is lower than athletes in other sports (2.61) or students involved in other extracurricular activities (2.79).

Jackson, however, has been able to maintain a competitive edge—not necessarily over classmates, but over his own impulses.

"My first semester here, I tried to let things go and then cram at the end of the semester," he said. "You're in college and you're responsible for your own time, so you figure you can do everything the day before it's due. Well, that cost me a lot of sleep, and I wound up with a 2.98 GPA.

"I tried to rationalize it, but I knew I had not applied myself. What's important was that I learned from it, and I have been better prepared every semester since then. That was the only time I have been under a 3.0."

Where his parents had made clear his priorities as he prepared for college, it was Jackson's own responsibility to make the most of his college opportunity.

"There's a lot going on, that's for sure," he said, "but I just try to make sure I concentrate on what I should be concentrating on. I don't do a lot of socializing, but I'm not a monk, either. I'll go out on dates or go to a party or something, but I make sure I have the other things taken care of."

That's where John Jackson and other academic All-Americas succeed. They identify priorities, set goals, and without becoming myopic and ignoring the rest of college life, work their tails off to attain them.

"John was never one to wear horn-rimmed glasses, sit in the front of the classroom and take part in debates," Lil-

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lian Jackson said. "He just realized there was a long-range goal that he was working for, and he accepted the work. And he was always busy with sports."

While a good part of the development of Jackson the athlete was genetic good fortune (his father, John Sr., was an excellent athlete in college), the development of Jackson the student was no accident.

Jackson's father, a former offensive coordinator at USC and ex-assistant at Illinois, Dartmouth and Hofstra, also was a former Marine. He did not run the Jackson home like a boot camp, but he and Lillian set down rules that John Jr. and his sister, Tracie, abided by. And rule No. 1 when it came to schoolwork was: Come home from school, have a snack if you like and do your homework. When you have finished, you can go play, but not before.

"I knew what was important," John Jr. said, "and I liked to play, so I always came home and did my homework right away so I could get out there. And that was pretty much it."

As a collegiate coach, Jackson's father saw too many talented players shunt aside their academic endeavors in favor of their athletic pursuits.

"As (John Jr.) grew up around football, I became concerned that sports could become too important to him, and he would start to set the wrong priorities," the elder Jackson said. "As soon as I recognized his overwhelming interest in sports, I tried to talk to him about that . . . to let him know that athletics must be kept in perspective.

"As I recruited high school players, I realized I was saying the same kinds of things to them as I did to John—athletics can be important for you if you go to a university and get everything it has to offer. You can be involved in athletics, you can get a hell of an education and you can have a great time while you're in college. It's important to experience all three, if you are fortunate enough to have the opportunity.

"If there is a secret, that's it. You have to realize that you don't have to eliminate any of those things, but the secret is to prioritize and balance them. And if you can do that, college and college athletics can really enrich you."

And so, in a sense, as Jackson grew up, he was being recruited by his father. Not to USC or Illinois, per se, but to the concept of the total package of higher education.

And now, Jackson is a graduate student, on the verge of setting a variety of receiving records at USC, and considering his options for a possible pro baseball or football career.

"The reception record has become a goal for me," he said, "but it isn't something you think about much. If I work hard and we do well, I will probably catch some passes."

He needs to add 23 receptions to his three-year total of 101 to surpass former teammate Erik Affholter on the all-time USC list. Perhaps even more significant, Jackson has caught at least one pass in 25 straight games, just 11 games shy of the Pacific-10 Conference record.



Jackson might even be a better outfielder than he is a wide receiver.

Jackson, now the most experienced receiver on the team, understands his role will change in 1989. When he was an underclassman, veterans such as Affholter, Ken Henry and Randy Tanner were the Trojans who drew the attention of the defense.

"I realize that having the other guys left some opportunities for me to do some things," he said, "and now teams will probably pay more attention to me. But to me, that's just another challenge, and I'm looking forward to it. If you're ever going to become a great player, you have to do it under those kinds of circumstances . . . when a defense is trying to stop you."

And if he is able to continue his upward curve in football—he caught 16 passes as a freshman, 37 as a sophomore and 48 as a junior as the Trojans won seven games, then eight, then 10—Jackson could have a shot at his ultimate goals in college athletics: to win the Rose Bowl and national championship, and to become an All-America as well as an academic All-America.

And when John Jackson sets his mind on something, Jackson has a mind to succeed.

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On the following pages are position-by-position rankings of the nation's best Division I-A football players, many of whom will be touted for the Heisman, the Outland Trophy, the Lombardi Award, the Davey O'Brien Award, the Butkus Award, the Jim Thorpe Award and, of course, All-America acclaim. ■

AWARD CANDIDATES

HEISMAN TROPHY
(Top player)

1. Tony Rice, QB, Notre Dame.
2. Blair Thomas, RB, Penn State.
3. Major Harris, QB, West Virginia.
4. Tommy Hodson, QB, Louisiana State.
5. Emmitt Smith, RB, Florida.
6. Anthony Thompson, RB, Indiana.
7. Todd Ellis, QB, South Carolina.
8. Darren Lewis, RB, Texas A&M.
9. Darrell Thompson, RB, Minnesota.
10. Percy Snow, LB, Michigan State.

OUTLAND TROPHY
(Top interior lineman)

1. Rob Burnett, DT, Syracuse.
2. Travis Davis, DT, Michigan State.
3. Frank Cornish, C, UCLA.
4. Doug Glaser, OT, Nebraska.
5. Russell Maryland, DT, Miami (Fla.).
6. Scott Evans, DT, Oklahoma.
7. Tim Ryan, DT, Southern Cal.
8. Mike Pfeifer, OT, Kentucky.
9. Ed King, OG, Auburn.
10. John Flannery, C, Syracuse.

LOMBARDI AWARD
(Top lineman/linebacker)

1. Rob Burnett, DT, Syracuse.
2. Percy Snow, LB, Michigan State.
3. Michael Stonebreaker, LB, Notre Dame.
4. Travis Davis, DT, Michigan State.
5. Kanavis McGhee, LB, Colorado.
6. Alfred Williams, LB, Colorado.
7. Tim Ryan, DT, Southern California.
8. Frank Cornish, C, UCLA.
9. Doug Glaser, OT, Nebraska.
10. Russell Maryland, DT, Maryland.

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD
(Top quarterback)

1. Tony Rice, Notre Dame.
2. Major Harris, West Virginia.
3. Troy Taylor, California.
4. Scott Mitchell, Utah.
5. Tommy Hodson, Louisiana State.
6. Todd Ellis, South Carolina.
7. Jeff George, Illinois.
8. Dave Schnell, Indiana.
9. Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State.
10. Neil O'Donnell, Maryland.

BUTKUS AWARD
(Top linebacker)

1. Percy Snow, Michigan State.
2. Michael Stonebreaker, Notre Dame.
3. Kanavis McGhee, Colorado.
4. Alfred Williams, Colorado.
5. Lamar Lathon, Houston.
6. Terry Wooden, Syracuse.
7. Maurice Crum, Miami (Fla.).
8. Aaron Wallace, Texas A&M.
9. Rob Hinckley, Stanford.
10. Jon Leverenz, Minnesota.

THORPE AWARD
(Top defensive back)

1. Mark Carrier, S, Southern Cal.
2. Todd Lyght, CB, Notre Dame.
3. Reggie Cooper, S, Nebraska.
4. Matt Darby, S, UCLA.
5. Cleveland Colter, S, Southern Cal.
6. Robert Blackmon, S, Baylor.
7. Todd Sandroni, S, Mississippi.
8. Richard Fain, CB, Florida.
9. Otis Smith, CB, Missouri.
10. Alonzo Hampton, CB, Pittsburgh

Tulsa's Bitson no longer doubts receiving ability

By KEN MacLEOD
Tulsa Tribune

Dan Bitson was so uncertain as a freshman at Tulsa that he wasn't sure he belonged on campus.

"I was questioning my capabilities," he said.

That was three years ago. Now, after a redshirt year and two varsity campaigns, Bitson already ranks with Howard Twilley, Drew Pearson and Steve Largent as one of the Golden Hurricane's all-time great receivers. Bitson still is soft-spoken and reserved, but that success has given him a quiet confidence.

"I would describe myself as confident and a little cocky," he said. "At least coach (Mike) Working (Tulsa's offensive coordinator) is always calling me a hot-dog."

Bitson isn't the type to boast, but his coach, David Rader, did so last fall by saying that he considered Bitson the best receiver in the area. That meant Bitson also must be the best receiver in the country because Hart Lee Dykes—the first receiver selected in the 1989 National Football League draft—played just down the road at Oklahoma State.

"There shouldn't be any question about that statement now," Rader said last spring. "We're just eager to see him (Bitson) play this year. If he has a good season, chances are we will, too."

After nabbing 29 passes for 608 yards as a redshirt freshman in 1987, the 6-foot-2, 184-pound split end caught 52 passes for 1,138 yards and nine touchdowns last year, despite being slowed by a shoulder separation for a couple of games and constantly being double- and triple-teamed. He was named to The Sporting News' All-America second team.

Over the summer, Bitson worked long hours with Tulsa quarterback T.J. Rubley to perfect the timing on his pass routes, particularly the deep slants, hitches and out patterns at which he is so effective. Although not a burner (4.5 seconds over 40 yards), Bitson is a tremendous open-field runner. His fluid moves, change of pace and leaping ability make him equally dangerous on long or short routes.

"Dan's a big-play receiver, and he runs with the ball better than anyone I've seen," Rubley said. "He's got that tremendous quickness on his cuts. He's one of those guys you just love to have out there on third and 10."

Said Working: "He's very capable of being an All-America the next two seasons." ■



Tulsa's Dan Bitson is a tremendous open-field runner.

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Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Dan Bitson	6-02/184	Junior	Tulsa
2.	Clarkston Hines	6-01/170	Senior	Duke
3.	Rob Moore	6-02/201	Junior	Syracuse
4.	Tony Jones	5-07/139	Senior	Texas
5.	Tim Stallworth	5-11/171	Senior	Washington St.
6.	Tony Moss	5-08/172	Senior	Louisiana State
7.	Bruce LaSane	6-04/210	Senior	Florida State
8.	Willie Green	6-02/175	Senior	Mississippi
9.	Ronald Lewis	6-00/179	Senior	Florida State
10.	Stacey Simmons	5-10/178	Senior	Florida
11.	John Jackson	5-11/180	Senior	Southern Cal
12.	Ricky Proehl	6-00/185	Senior	Wake Forest
13.	Richard Buchanan	5-11/170	Soph.	Northwestern
14.	Alvin Harper	6-03/200	Junior	Tennessee
15.	Reggie Moore	5-09/177	Junior	UCLA
16.	Mike Farr	5-10/192	Senior	UCLA
17.	Rob Turner	5-11/186	Junior	Indiana
18.	Kevin Evans	6-04/184	Senior	San Jose State
19.	Mike Ford	6-02/210	Senior	California
20.	Greg McMurtry	6-03/197	Senior	Michigan

There's a rabbit on the loose in Gator country

By JACK HAIRSTON
Gainesville Sun

No one knows for sure just how fast Emmitt Smith is. When official timing days come around, the coy Florida running back usually has an excuse not to run. Best not give the opposition a clue.

When Smith breaks into the clear, however, few people catch him. And the ones who have gotten their hands on him after a long run usually slip off.

"I knew he was something special," Louisiana State Coach Mike Archer said, "when our players were still talking about him several days after we'd played him. They've played against a lot of great runners, and they haven't talked about them that way. Emmitt is something else."

Halfway through his collegiate career, Smith holds 22 school records. Now, he's taking aim at bigger game: the Heisman Trophy.

Two seasons ago, he finished ninth in the Heisman balloting to cap one of the outstanding freshman seasons in NCAA history. In his first start, he raced for 224 yards against Alabama, in Birmingham, to break the Gators' single-game rushing record. He reached the 1,000-yard rushing mark quicker than any freshman in Division I-A history (seven games) and finished the season with 1,341 yards. Only Herschel Walker (1,616) and Tony Dorsett (1,586) had gained more yardage as Division I-A freshmen.

Last season, a marked man and playing with inexperienced quarterbacks, Smith was only slightly less effective. Though he missed two games with a sprained knee, he ran for 988 yards, an average of 110 yards per game, compared to 122 as a freshman.

Smith will again be hampered by the absence of a strong passing attack, but the Florida offensive line is being touted as stronger. Moreover, Coach Galen Hall's new offensive coordinator is Whitey Jordan, who was in charge of the Southern Methodist offense in the days it accented Eric Dickerson and Craig James. Jordan said Smith should get more than 21 carries per game, his average in each of his first two campaigns.

Smith's outlook toward the Heisman race is healthy: "I'm not going to worry about it. It would be great to win it, but for a player to start worrying about it at this stage of the game doesn't help anything. I'll do the best I can and hope I earn the votes, but the Heisman race isn't going to take up any of my time." ■



Only a junior, Florida's Emmitt Smith already holds 22 school records.

RUNNING BACKS



A. Thompson



Hampton



Perry

HALFBACKS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Blair Thomas	5-11/190	Senior	Penn State
2.	Anthony Thompson	6-00/209	Senior	Indiana
3.	Darrell Thompson	6-01/220	Senior	Minnesota
4.	Darren Lewis	5-11/210	Junior	Texas A&M
5.	Emmitt Smith	5-10/205	Junior	Florida
6.	Harvey Williams	6-02/213	Junior	Louisiana State
7.	Rodney Hampton	6-00/215	Junior	Georgia
8.	Harold Green	6-02/218	Senior	South Carolina
10.	Curvin Richards	5-10/190	Soph.	Pittsburgh
11.	Blake Ezor	5-10/188	Senior	Michigan State
11.	Eric Bieniemy	5-06/190	Junior	Colorado
12.	Chuck Weatherspoon	5-07/210	Junior	Houston
13.	Ken Clark	5-09/200	Senior	Nebraska
14.	Terry Allen	5-11/200	Junior	Clemson
15.	Tony Boles	6-01/190	Junior	Michigan

FULLBACKS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Leroy Holt	6-00/215	Senior	Southern Cal
2.	Leroy Hoard	6-00/215	Junior	Michigan
3.	Barry Foster	5-10/216	Junior	Arkansas
4.	Pat Chaffey	6-02/214	Senior	Oregon State
5.	Anthony Johnson	6-00/220	Senior	Notre Dame
6.	Tommie Stowers	6-03/225	Senior	Missouri
7.	Leon Perry	6-01/223	Senior	Oklahoma
8.	Braxston Banks	6-03/211	Senior	Notre Dame
9.	Jon Volpe	5-07/195	Senior	Stanford
10.	Ben Barnett	6-00/225	Senior	Army
11.	James Joseph	6-02/200	Junior	Auburn
12.	Alphonso Ellis	5-09/205	Junior	Georgia
13.	Myron Jones	5-10/190	Senior	Fresno State
14.	Latin Berry	5-10/207	Senior	Oregon
15.	Durwin Greggs	6-00/245	Senior	Virginia

Utah's Scott Mitchell impresses everyone but his wife

By ED ZIERALSKI
San Diego Tribune

It has been written that no man is a hero to his valet. Scott Mitchell, Utah's record-setting quarterback, has discovered that the same can be said about a man and his new bride.

"She's not really big on all the attention I get," Mitchell said of his wife, Kim, whom he married last December. "She said: 'I don't understand why people make such a big deal out of you. They should live with you for a week. You're boring.' "

One could say that Mitchell's wife helps him keep football in perspective. But the 6-foot-6, 235-pound junior doesn't have an ego problem. After all, on the day when he passed for 631 yards—an NCAA single-game record—against Air Force last season, the most unimpressed person in Salt Lake City's Rice Stadium was Mitchell.

"It just didn't seem like that big a deal because we lost (56-49)," he said.

Air Force Coach Fisher DeBerry was impressed anyway. "Scott Mitchell is the epitome of a drop-back quarterback," he said. "We never played against a more accurate passer in my time at the academy."

After that loss, Utah got whipped by Wyoming, 61-18. But Mitchell rallied the Utes to four straight wins to end the season, including a 57-28 shellacking of rival Brigham Young, thus breaking a nine-year losing streak against the Cougars.

"Beating BYU just made our decade," Mitchell said.

Ironically, Mitchell had been pegged as a future Cougar when he attended Springville High School near Provo. His parents went to BYU, where his father played football, and his grandmother is a first cousin of Cougars Coach LaVell Edwards. Mitchell also had attended BYU games and football camps for years. But in his senior year, Mitchell began to notice the offense new Coach Jim Fassel was running at Utah.

"Right from the start, I thought my opportunity to be successful as a quarterback would be better at Utah," Mitchell said. "I felt there would be more personal attention spent on my development."

He appears to have made the right decision. He enters his junior season as one of the nation's top quarterbacks. He has set 10 NCAA records, five Western Athletic Conference records and 24 school records, including career total offense (5,703 yards) and passing yards (5,770). Last season he led the nation in total offense (390.8 yards per game) while completing 60.6 percent of his passes for 4,322 yards and 29 touchdowns, with only 15 interceptions.

Said Mitchell in typical self-effacing style: "I've never heard of half the records I'm breaking."

Needless to say, his wife hasn't, either. ■



Utah's Scott Mitchell is the epitome of a drop-back quarterback.

QUARTERBACKS



Ware



Musgrave



Veal

PASSING

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Troy Taylor	6-04/190	Senior	California
2.	Scott Mitchell	6-06/235	Junior	Utah
3.	Tommy Hodson	6-03/195	Senior	Louisiana State
4.	Dave Schnell	6-02/219	Senior	Indiana
5.	Todd Ellis	6-03/203	Senior	South Carolina
6.	Jeff George	6-04/210	Junior	Illinois
7.	Mike Gundy	6-00/185	Senior	Oklahoma State
8.	Andre Ware	6-02/205	Junior	Houston
9.	Neil O'Donnell	6-03/221	Senior	Maryland
10.	Bill Musgrave	6-03/192	Junior	Oregon
11.	Cary Conklin	6-04/215	Senior	Washington
12.	T.J. Rubley	6-04/198	Junior	Tulsa
13.	Scott Erney	6-01/196	Senior	Rutgers
14.	Brad Goebel	6-03/193	Junior	Baylor
15.	Mark Barsotti	6-02/195	Soph.	Fresno State

ALL-PURPOSE

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Tony Rice	6-01/200	Senior	Notre Dame
2.	Major Harris	6-01/207	Junior	West Virginia
3.	Reggie Slack	6-02/211	Senior	Auburn
4.	Demetrius Brown	6-01/195	Senior	Michigan
5.	Dee Dowis	5-10/155	Senior	Air Force
6.	Michael Taylor	6-00/202	Senior	Michigan
7.	Quinn Grovey	5-10/181	Junior	Arkansas
8.	Shawn Moore	6-02/213	Junior	Virginia
9.	Ronald Veal	5-10/188	Junior	Arizona
10.	Darian Hagan	5-10/185	Soph.	Colorado
11.	Mickey Joseph	5-10/170	Soph.	Nebraska
12.	Jeremy Leach	6-02/215	Soph.	New Mexico
13.	Bryan McWilliams	5-11/180	Junior	Army
14.	Alton Grizzard	6-00/188	Junior	Navy
15.	Travis Hunter	5-09/183	Senior	East Carolina

Frank Cornish and UCLA's line are a perfect fit

By DON BORST
Tacoma Morning News Tribune

Frank Cornish remembers standing in front of his wide-open closet, feverishly trying on all of his clothes . . . and finding nothing that would fit. Absolutely nothing.

"I started crying," Cornish said, recalling this sixth-grade incident. "It wasn't like I didn't have any clothes or anything, but I was growing so fast, I couldn't fit into anything."

It was another one of those times that being big was just a big pain.

"I would sit and talk with him and explain to him that people come in all sizes," said his mother, Gloria. "Big people, little people. When you get older, especially when you go away to college, you'll fit right in."

See, Frank? Mom was right. Cornish fits into UCLA's offensive line just fine.

Cornish has started every game for the last two years and rates as the best center in the country entering his last year of college. At 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, his size has become an advantage; he matches up well with opposing defensive linemen.

"Having Frank in there makes a big difference for us because it gives us the chance to do a lot of single-blocking on the noseguard," UCLA Coach Terry Donahue said. "He's very competitive, and he's an excellent pass blocker."

And, of course, he's big and strong.

"He's always been big," said Gloria, a teacher who raised him as a single parent since he was 5, after she and his father, former Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Frank Cornish, were divorced. ". . . When it came to the trendy little stuff that the kids were wearing, we could never find his size. He'd say: 'Mom, you see those such-and-such blue jeans? I'd like to have some of those, let's go find them.' So we'd walk and walk and walk, going every place trying to find the clothes he wanted. Finally, when it became obvious that we weren't going to find what he wanted in his size, he'd throw his hands up and say: 'Oh, shucks, this makes me sick. When I grow up, I'm going to have my own store. . . . I'm going to have a store of my own for big men that have some style.' "

Cornish hasn't surrendered that dream.

"I still can't find anything to fit," he said. "All those clothes in the big-and-tall-men's stores are for people that are short and fat or tall and slim. They just don't make them for an athletic body—and they sure don't make them for linemen." ■



Size has become an advantage for UCLA's Frank Cornish.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN



Underwood



Young



Caliguire



Chatman

GUARDS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Ed King	6-04/280	Soph.	Auburn
2.	Mark Tucker	6-03/265	Junior	Southern Cal
3.	Pat Crowley	6-03/280	Senior	North Carolina
4.	Blake Bednarz	6-03/303	Senior	Syracuse
5.	Eric Still	6-03/283	Senior	Tennessee
6.	Mike Sullivan	6-04/270	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
7.	Darrin Muilenburg	6-04/280	Senior	Colorado
8.	Rick Meyer	6-06/275	Senior	UCLA
9.	Joe Garten	6-03/280	Junior	Colorado
10.	Fedel Underwood	6-04/307	Senior	Arizona State

CENTERS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Frank Cornish	6-04/275	Senior	UCLA
2.	John Flannery	6-03/291	Junior	Syracuse
3.	Brad Leggett	6-05/270	Senior	Southern Cal
4.	Paul Wulff	6-04/270	Senior	Washington State
5.	Jake Young	6-05/260	Senior	Nebraska
6.	Ron Vargo	6-02/274	Senior	Indiana
7.	Allen Douglas	6-03/242	Senior	Louisville
8.	Dean Caliguire	6-03/270	Senior	Pittsburgh
9.	Carey Metts	6-01/260	Senior	Duke
10.	Mark Agent	6-05/245	Senior	Maryland

TACKLES

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Doug Glaser	6-07/295	Senior	Nebraska
2.	Mike Pfeifer	6-07/300	Senior	Kentucky
3.	Bob Kula	6-04/282	Senior	Michigan State
4.	Turnell Sims	6-03/285	Junior	Syracuse
5.	Joey Banes	6-07/280	Senior	Houston
6.	Terrill Chatman	6-04/298	Senior	Alabama
7.	Mark Vander Poel	6-08/295	Junior	Colorado
8.	Joe Staysniak	6-05/290	Senior	Ohio State
9.	Greg Skrepenak	6-08/322	Junior	Michigan
10.	Matt McCall	6-07/295	Junior	Texas A&M

Jeff Ellis is a knockout tight end for Buckeyes

By DICK ZUNT
Cleveland Plain Dealer

Ohio State's Jeff Ellis, son of a former heavyweight boxing champion, is doing a knockout job as tight end for the Buckeyes.

"He has great hands," Buckeyes Coach John Cooper said. "He has a knack of finding the open spot in the defense and uses his body to shield off the defenders. . . . He's become a devastating blocker, which gives him a total package."

Ellis led the Buckeyes in receiving with 40 catches for 492 yards and two touchdowns last year. His best effort came at Iowa, where he hauled in eight passes for 97 yards and a touchdown. The 6-foot-4 junior has bulked up from 230 to 245 pounds since the end of last season.

"He's been working hard on his blocking, and with his added weight and strength, he's working toward becoming not only one of the top tight ends in the (Big Ten) Conference," Cooper said, "but in the nation."

Ellis' father, Jimmy, was the top-ranked heavyweight boxer in the world when he defeated Jerry Quarry in 1968 for the World Boxing Association title, which had been left vacant when Muhammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) was stripped of his title for refusing to fulfill his military obligation. He later defended that title by defeating Floyd Patterson, then lost it in 1970 to Joe Frazier, who became the undisputed heavyweight champion. Ellis also fought Ali, for whom he had once been a sparring partner, in a career that ended in 1975, when Jeff was 7.

"I never saw my father box," Jeff said. "I was too young. My dad suggested that I not go into boxing. He said that it was too hard."

Jeff didn't avoid many other sports as a youngster. A three-sport letterman at Male High School in Louisville, Ky., Ellis was recruited by Division I schools in football and baseball and by Division II colleges in basketball. His father wanted him to pursue basketball, while his mother wanted him to continue with baseball. But Ellis chose football, the sport in which he had been named a Parade All-America as a senior.

"In high school I played center in basketball, and since I was only 6-4, I knew that I would not play center at that height in college," Ellis said. "After I decided on Ohio State, I thought that I would like to play both football and baseball. But once I got here and found how much time you had to devote to one sport, I changed my mind about also trying to play baseball.

"I picked football because I thought that this is where my future would be and also since I am the one who would be actually playing the game."

His decision appears to have been a wise one. ■



Ohio State's Jeff Ellis has a knack for finding the open spot in a defense.

TIGHT ENDS



Jakob



Fortune

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Jeff Ellis	6-04/245	Junior	Ohio State
2.	Charles Arbuckle	6-02/238	Senior	UCLA
3.	Tim Bruton	6-04/245	Junior	Missouri
4.	Derrick Walker	6-02/246	Senior	Michigan
5.	Dave Jakob	6-02/230	Senior	Penn State
6.	Scott Galbraith	6-03/240	Senior	Southern Cal
7.	Derek Brown	6-07/235	Soph.	Notre Dame
8.	Phil Ross	6-04/221	Senior	Oregon State
9.	Ryan McReynolds	6-07/252	Junior	Arizona State
10.	Chad Fortune	6-05/221	Senior	Louisville
11.	Lamonde Russell	6-01/196	Junior	Alabama
12.	Jesse Anderson	6-03/232	Senior	Mississippi State
13.	Rob Chudzinski	6-04/224	Junior	Miami (Fla.).
14.	Billy Winston	6-02/242	Senior	Arkansas
15.	Dave Colonna	6-05/241	Senior	Duke
16.	Bruce McGonnigal	6-05/221	Junior	Virginia
17.	Dennis Smith	6-01/223	Senior	Utah
18.	Mike Busch	6-05/252	Senior	Iowa State
19.	Bump Novacek	6-04/210	Senior	Fresno State
20.	Vodie Baucham	6-02/230	Soph.	Rice

You want slick? A little Dabby will do ya fine

By BOB HAMMOND
Laramie Daily Boomerang

Barry Sanders stands just 5-foot-8, but the 1988 Heisman Trophy winner casts a *looonngg* shadow. Just ask Wyoming running back Dabby Dawson.

Ever since their childhood days in Wichita, Kan., Dawson has had to take his place in the shadow of his best friend.

First, it was in the youth football program in Wichita. Then, it was as high school rivals—Sanders at Wichita North, Dawson at Wichita South. In last December's Holiday Bowl, Sanders ran for 222 yards and five touchdowns in Oklahoma State's 62-14 rout of Wyoming. And all Dawson could do was watch. He was sidelined in the first quarter, with minus-six yards rushing, with an injured ankle.

Dawson figures it's time to emerge from the shadow.

"Barry and I will always be close, but I'm my own man," he said. "I've always been known as Barry Sanders' friend. But now I want to establish my own identity."

Dawson heads into the 1989 season as one of the most versatile performers in the offensive-minded Western Athletic Conference. Last season, his first at Wyoming after transferring from Coffeyville (Kan.) Junior College, Dawson rushed for 1,125 yards on 149 carries, a 7.6-yard average (matching Sanders' mark). He was an excellent receiver coming out of the backfield, catching 21 passes for an additional 249 yards.

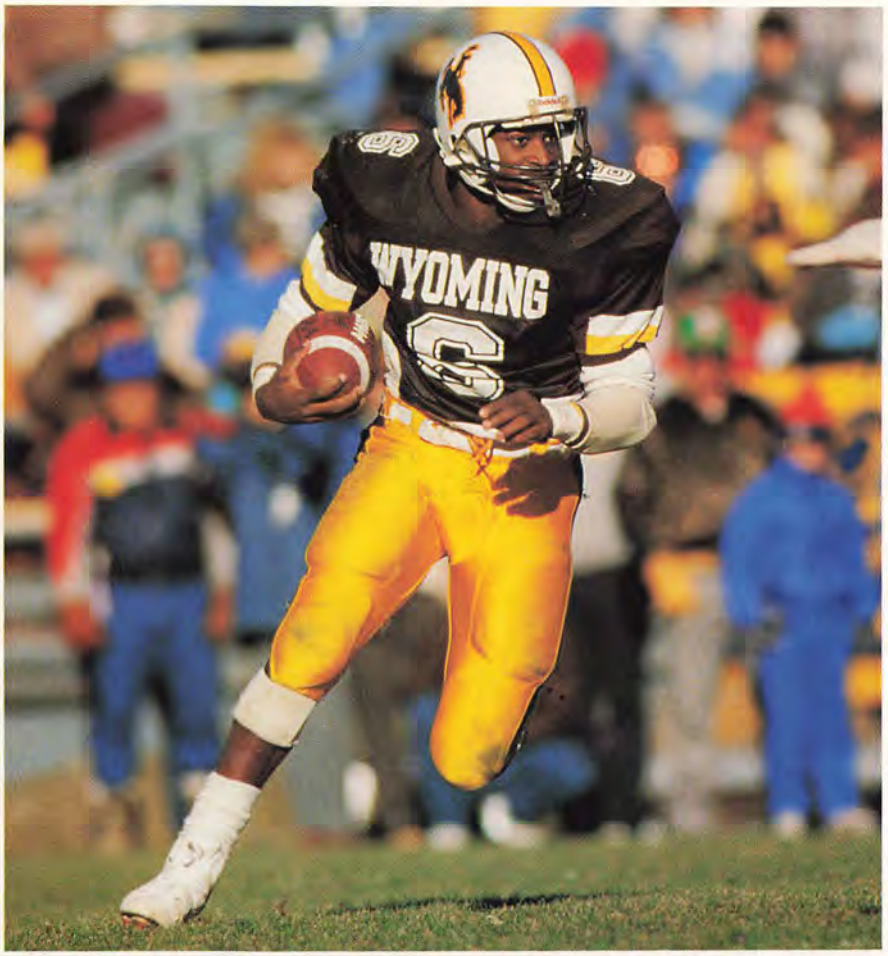
Dawson was an all-conference pick and the league's Newcomer of the Year.

The turning point of the season for Dawson came in the sixth game at San Diego State, when he rushed for 225 yards and scored four times after having gained only 280 yards in his first five games.

"Up until the San Diego State game, I was always second-guessing myself," he said. "Everything I was doing was mechanical. I was running where the holes were supposed to be because I was afraid of what the coaches were going to say.

"But in that game I decided it was time for me to start running like I used to, on instinct, and everything fell into place. After that, Coach (Paul) Roach just told me to make my read and then do what I have to do."

Along with his running and receiving duties, Dawson hopes to become part of Wyoming's kickoff return unit. "I think I have a lot to offer the team in this area, and it is something I'd like to do," he said. "I'd like to try a little bit of everything." ■



Wyoming's Dabby Dawson is one of the WAC's most versatile performers.

SPECIALISTS



Broussard



Velasco



Langeloh

ALL-PURPOSE

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Terance Mathis (WR)	5-09/162	Senior	New Mexico
2.	Steve Broussard (RB)	5-07/210	Senior	Washington State
3.	Chris Gaiters (WR)	6-01/184	Junior	Minnesota
4.	Johnny Johnson (RB)	6-03/209	Senior	San Jose State
5.	Larry Khan-Smith (WR)	5-09/185	Junior	Hawaii
6.	Dabby Dawson (RB)	5-09/180	Senior	Wyoming
7.	Raghib Ismail (WR)	5-10/175	Soph.	Notre Dame
8.	Pat Coleman (WR)	5-07/170	Senior	Mississippi
9.	Carlos Snow (RB)	5-09/200	Junior	Ohio State
10.	Robert Brooks (WR)	6-01/178	Soph.	South Carolina
11.	Brian Brown (RB)	5-10/187	Junior	UCLA
13.	Darryl Tillman (WR)	6-00/180	Senior	Southern Miss
14.	Thomas Woods (WR)	5-10/168	Senior	Tennessee
15.	Mike Pringle (RB)	5-10/185	Senior	Cal State Fullerton

KICKERS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Robbie Keen (P)	6-03/215	Junior	California
2.	Alfredo Velasco (K)	5-10/188	Senior	UCLA
3.	Dat Ly (K)	5-07/149	Junior	New Mexico State
4.	John Langeloh (K)	6-02/186	Junior	Michigan State
5.	Cary Blanchard (K/P)	6-01/200	Junior	Oklahoma State
6.	David Browndyke (K)	6-02/185	Senior	Louisiana State
7.	Bobby Lilljedahl (P)	6-05/220	Senior	Texas
8.	Jason Hanson (K)	6-00/170	Soph.	Washington State
9.	Tony Rhynes (P)	6-01/225	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
10.	Pat O'Morrow (K)	5-11/180	Senior	Ohio State
11.	Josh Butland (P)	6-06/246	Soph.	Michigan State
12.	Jeff Shudak (K)	5-11/178	Junior	Iowa State
13.	John Ivanic (K)	5-10/161	Junior	Northern Illinois
14.	Carlos Huerta (K)	5-09/172	Soph.	Miami (Fla.)
15.	Collin Mackie (K)	5-10/165	Junior	South Carolina

Illini's Mo Gardner measures up as top nose tackle

By TOM WHEATLEY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Some football coaches talk about an intangible called momentum, or "Big Mo." At Illinois, they talk about a tangible called Mo Gardner.

Just how tangible is this nose tackle?

As a redshirt freshman in 1987, Gardner dressed out at 6-foot-3 and 244 pounds. As a sophomore last season, he started the season at 6-3, 249 pounds. But as he enters his junior season, he is listed at 6-2, 244.

Did all that head-butting in the trenches pound Gardner's head an inch into his neck?

"I don't think so," he said. "I really don't know what the deal is with that. I thought I was 6-3. I guess it all depends on who's doing the measuring."

By anyone's measurements, Gardner rates as one of the nation's top nose tackles. He recorded 15 tackles for losses in 1987 and eight last year, when he was an All-Big Ten Conference pick.

The honors increased even though his tackles for losses fell. He was slowed to some extent by a broken finger early in the year and sprained ankles that kept him out of most of the last three games.

"You can play with a broken finger," he said. "The pain really only gets to you once in a while. But your wheels are the most important part of your game. You can't play without wheels."

Gardner also had to deal with a lot of double-teaming last year.

"Many of our opponents have to use double-team blocking schemes to neutralize Mo's effectiveness in the middle of the line," Illini Coach John Mackovic said. "He's a dominating player because of his strength and quickness. Very few players at his position make the plays he does behind the line of scrimmage."

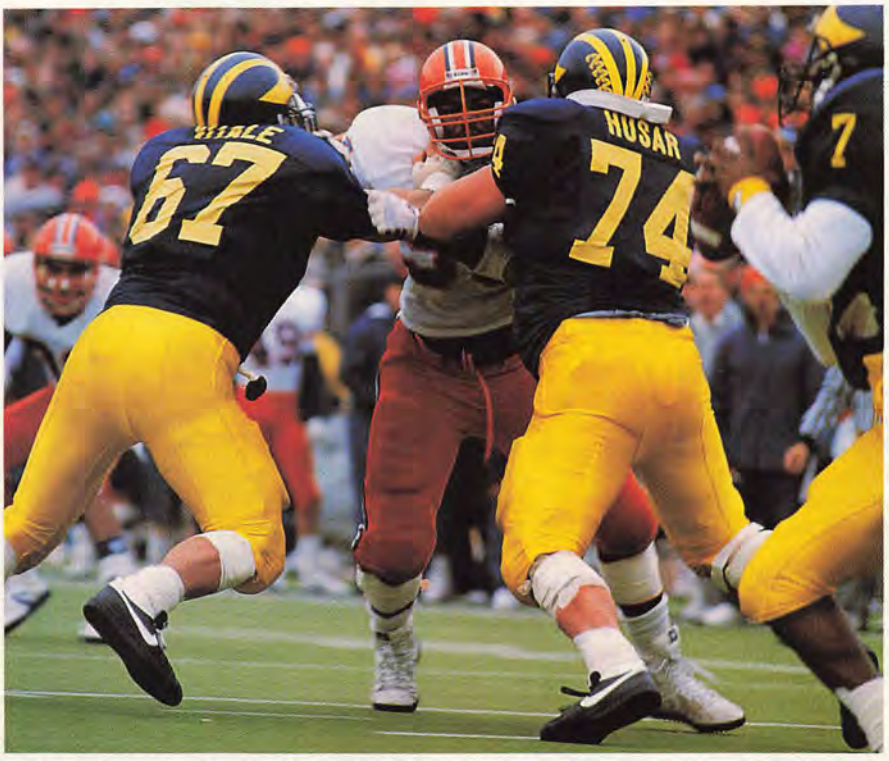
It isn't easy playing nose tackle, the nastiest job on defense.

"You do get a lot of pressure in the middle," Gardner said. "You're susceptible to getting chop blocked. But with the scheme my coaches have set up for me, I can use my quickness and use my agility, rather than strength."

Gardner describes his line of work mundanely: "Keep the center off the linebacker and allow him to follow the flow of the play." When cast in those terms, it's obvious that Gardner had a standout year. Inside linebacker Darrick Brownlow, who also teamed with Gardner at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, was the Big Ten's top tackler last year.

Gardner, however, doesn't see his line of work as all guts, no glory.

"It's all just a big system," he said. "When you do your job and the linebackers do their job, everybody gets an opportunity to make a sack or a tackle behind the line. Everybody gets their fair share of the glory, you might say." ■



Illinois' Mo Gardner dominates because of his strength and quickness.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN



Mark



James



Barnett



Zorich

ENDS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Greg Mark	6-04/244	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
2.	Karl Dunbar	6-04/276	Senior	Louisiana State
3.	Clint James	6-06/259	Senior	Louisiana State
4.	Tony Massey	6-02/221	Senior	Kentucky
5.	Ray Savage	6-02/233	Senior	Virginia
6.	Pellom McDaniels	6-03/260	Senior	Oregon State
7.	James Goode	6-04/233	Junior	Oklahoma
8.	Joel Smeenge	6-06/238	Senior	Western Michigan
9.	Kendrick Brown	6-02/220	Senior	Pacific
10.	Doug Rigby	6-05/258	Soph.	Wyoming

TACKLES

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Rob Burnett	6-03/265	Senior	Syracuse
2.	Travis Davis	6-03/276	Senior	Michigan State
3.	Russell Maryland	6-02/265	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
4.	Scott Evans	6-03/251	Junior	Oklahoma
5.	Tim Ryan	6-05/250	Senior	Southern Cal
6.	Dennis Brown	6-04/300	Senior	Washington
7.	Shane Collins	6-04/275	Soph.	Arizona State
8.	Lester Archambeau	6-05/255	Senior	Stanford
9.	Oliver Barnett	6-03/285	Senior	Kentucky
10.	Mike Lodish	6-03/260	Senior	UCLA

NOSEGUARDS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Mo Gardner	6-02/244	Junior	Illinois
2.	Odell Haggins	6-02/258	Senior	Florida State
3.	Dante Williams	6-02/265	Senior	Oklahoma
4.	Willie Wyatt	6-00/262	Senior	Alabama
5.	Chris Zorich	6-01/268	Junior	Notre Dame
6.	Don Gibson	6-03/250	Junior	Southern Cal
7.	T.J. Osman	6-03/263	Senior	Michigan
8.	Doc Wise	6-04/265	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
9.	Jeff Koeppel	6-02/270	Senior	Iowa
10.	Marc Boutte	6-04/268	Soph.	Louisiana State

Quick like a cat, Bulldogs' Cox rocks Big West

By ANDY BOOGAARD
Fresno Bee

Fresno State Coach Jim Sweeney claimed linebacker Ron Cox was 17 going on 32 when he was recruited by the Bulldogs.

"His physical maturation is complete," Sweeney says of the 6-foot-2, 230-pound Cox. "He's a miniature Lawrence Taylor. I say miniature only by comparison because he's not little. Plus, he has catlike quickness, is a quick learner and is fearless. I don't think he knows the word fear."

But Cox has created plenty of it throughout the Big West Conference by treating quarterbacks to a steady diet of punishing jolts from his outside linebacker position.

Cox made an immediate impact in 1987, when he was named the No. 1 redshirt freshman linebacker in the nation by The Sporting News. Last season, when the Bulldogs capped a 10-2 season with a 35-30 victory over Western Michigan in the California Bowl, Cox registered a team-leading 14½ sacks for a defense that was nationally ranked in several categories. And Cox estimated he played at no better than 80 percent capacity after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in August.

Cox will be pushed for more postseason honors in 1989, including the Lombardi Award, which goes to the outstanding lineman or linebacker in the nation.

"My dream is to be nominated for the Lombardi," Cox said. "One day, I might be fortunate enough to be nominated for it. If I keep knocking quarterbacks out, it will come. They can't deny me too long."

Although he's a punishing hitter, Cox isn't bent on violence. To the contrary, he's almost timid off the field, always smiling and giggling.

"He's no bully," Sweeney said. "He's a quiet, soft-spoken, gentlemanly person. But in a game, he tunes up to another level. He loves the pure hit aspect of the game. He has the ideal temperament for football."

Sweeney compares Cox's physical tools to those of the best linebackers he's had in 11 years at Fresno State. They include David Grayson, a starter last year for the Cleveland Browns, and Cox's former sidekick Tracy Rogers, who was selected by the Houston Oilers in this year's draft.

"You can coach technique and sometimes even attitude, but coaching catlike quickness is impossible," Sweeney said. "Cox has the hand speed and foot speed of a fighter...."■

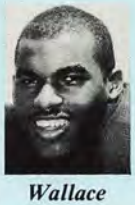


Fresno State's Ron Cox is a miniature Lawrence Taylor.

LINEBACKERS



Leverenz



Wallace



Richardson

INSIDE

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Percy Snow	6-03/240	Senior	Michigan State
2.	Michael Stonebreaker	6-01/228	Senior	Notre Dame
3.	Lamar Lathon	6-03/230	Senior	Houston
4.	Maurice Crum	6-00/222	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
5.	Jon Leverenz	6-03/230	Senior	Minnesota
6.	Scott Ross	6-02/225	Junior	Southern Cal
7.	Bob Davis	6-02/230	Senior	Brigham Young
8.	Ned Bolcar	6-02/229	Senior	Notre Dame
9.	Andre Collins	6-01/220	Senior	Penn State
10.	Randy Holleran	6-01/240	Junior	Kentucky
11.	Quentin Riggins	5-11/210	Senior	Auburn
12.	James Williams	6-01/224	Senior	Mississippi State
13.	Darrin Trieb	6-02/228	Junior	Purdue
14.	Glenell Sanders	6-00/227	Senior	Louisiana Tech
15.	J.J. Grant	6-01/234	Senior	Michigan

OUTSIDE

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Kanavis McGhee	6-05/240	Junior	Colorado
2.	Alfred Williams	6-06/235	Junior	Colorado
3.	Terry Wooden	6-02/232	Senior	Syracuse
4.	Aaron Wallace	6-04/225	Senior	Texas A&M
5.	Rob Hinckley	6-05/245	Senior	Stanford
6.	Keith McCants	6-05/246	Junior	Alabama
7.	Huey Richardson	6-05/235	Junior	Florida
8.	James Francis	6-04/246	Senior	Baylor
9.	Ron Cox	6-02/230	Junior	Fresno State
10.	Chris Singleton	6-03/246	Senior	Arizona
11.	Alex Marshall	6-04/235	Soph.	Michigan
12.	Tony Bennett	6-02/235	Senior	Mississippi
13.	Ricardo McDonald	6-02/225	Soph.	Pittsburgh
14.	Bobby Abrams	6-04/221	Senior	Michigan
15.	Junior Seau	6-03/240	Junior	Southern Cal

Sandroni's dream has new story line, same ending

By MIKE FLEMING
Memphis Commercial Appeal

When Todd Sandroni played football at little Indianola Academy in Shaw, Miss., he became comfortable in the glare of the spotlight.

"I guess you could say I was an important person," laughed Sandroni, who played quarterback and a little defensive back as a senior. But it was the former position that he dreamed of playing in college where, he just knew, the spotlight would only get brighter.

Funny thing about dreams.

"Yeah," Sandroni said. "It didn't exactly turn out that way."

Sandroni went on to college. He even reached a big-time program at Mississippi. But not as a quarterback and, for a while, certainly not in the spotlight.

Sandroni was working out at an Ole Miss football camp as a high school junior when Ron Case, then the Rebels' secondary coach, noticed that Sandroni's collegiate future probably lay at a position other than quarterback. Case saw him as a natural safety.

"I put him through some secondary drills," said Case, now an assistant at Vanderbilt. "He was really impressive. I knew right then that this was a player we needed at Ole Miss. He was smart, disciplined and, being an option quarterback, he anticipated everything so well. He knew when the ball was coming before it came."

By the time Case signed him in 1986, Sandroni was prepared to accept a future in the Rebels' defensive backfield. He wasn't prepared, however, to sit.

"I was redshirted as a freshman (in 1986)," the 6-foot-1, 200-pound junior recalled. "It was one of the worst times of my life. I was no better than a walk-on, and they were quitting all over the place. I thought about it (quitting), too, but something made me stick it out.

"What was really tough was coming from the spotlight to no light. I was in the dark. I wanted to play, and redshirts can't. The coaches didn't have any time for the redshirts, either, so I felt alone."

But Sandroni survived that year, and in 1987 he started eight games at safety and led the Southeastern Conference with seven interceptions. Then last season he emerged as the leader of the Rebels' defense, making one big play after another. He intercepted an SEC-high seven passes, including one that he returned 27 yards for a touchdown, and broke up a pass in the end zone that preserved a win over Vanderbilt. He was named to the All-SEC team and now rates as one of the nation's top safeties.

Said Case: "I knew he was a leader who could win for you as far back as his junior year in high school."

Even if Sandroni figured he'd be on the other side of the ball. ■



Last season Todd Sandroni emerged as the leader of Mississippi's defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS



Oldham



White



Carrier

CORNERBACKS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Todd Lyght	6-01/181	Junior	Notre Dame
2.	Richard Fain	5-11/185	Junior	Florida
3.	Otis Smith	5-11/182	Senior	Missouri
4.	Alonzo Hampton	6-00/190	Senior	Pittsburgh
5.	Preston Warren	6-00/195	Junior	Tennessee
6.	Mike Dumas	6-00/172	Junior	Indiana
7.	Adrian Jones	6-00/181	Senior	Missouri
8.	Chris Oldham	5-09/180	Senior	Oregon
9.	John Hardy	6-00/180	Senior	California
10.	Ben Smith	5-11/180	Senior	Georgia
11.	John Mangum	5-11/174	Senior	Alabama
12.	LaMarr White	5-09/180	Junior	Wisconsin
13.	Dexter Davis	5-09/180	Soph.	Clemson
14.	Alan Grant	5-10/187	Senior	Stanford
15.	David Key	5-11/200	Junior	Michigan

SAFETIES

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Mark Carrier	6-01/180	Junior	Southern Cal
2.	Reggie Cooper	6-03/200	Junior	Nebraska
3.	Matt Darby	6-02/207	Soph.	UCLA
4.	Cleveland Colter	6-01/195	Senior	Southern Cal
5.	Robert Blackmon	5-11/195	Senior	Baylor
6.	Todd Sandroni	6-01/200	Junior	Mississippi
7.	Eugene Burkhalter	6-01/200	Junior	Washington
8.	Nathan LaDuke	5-10/194	Junior	Arizona State
9.	Lee Ozmint	6-05/210	Senior	Alabama
10.	Jesse Campbell	6-03/208	Soph.	No. Carolina St.
11.	Ken Swilling	6-03/227	Soph.	Georgia Tech
12.	Alton Montgomery	6-00/200	Senior	Houston
13.	Tripp Welborne	6-01/193	Junior	Michigan
14.	Patrick Williams	6-02/195	Senior	Arkansas
15.	Mike Welch	6-02/203	Junior	Baylor

Clemson remains the team to beat in the ACC

By DOUG DOUGHTY
Roanoke Times & World-News

Clemson has dominated Atlantic Coast Conference football so thoroughly in recent years that, even with the loss of 13 starters, the Tigers are the preseason favorite with no questions asked.

Only North Carolina State has had any success of late against Clemson, which has won three straight ACC titles while going 17-3-1 in conference play, with all three losses to the Wolfpack.

One of the teams expected to contend this year, Virginia, has never beaten Clemson. Not in 28 tries. But the Cavaliers are getting closer—witness a 10-7 loss in Charlottesville in 1988—and there is renewed hope for the rest of the league.

"There's a tremendous balance in the league now," said Georgia Tech Coach Bobby Ross, who had three straight conference champions at Maryland from 1983-85. "Clemson obviously is a great team in a league where there are a lot of good teams, but (the Tigers) lost a lot of people.

"For the first time, you may see three of the top 25 teams in the country from the ACC, and you can throw Duke in there, too. When has that ever happened? And personally, I feel we have a chance to beat some of those teams."

It should be noted that Georgia Tech did not win a conference game in 1988. North Carolina Coach Mack Brown, whose Tar Heels finished seventh, shares Ross' sentiments.

"Look at our last five games," Brown said. "We beat Georgia Tech. We were up 10 on Maryland in the fourth quarter (before losing by three points). Clemson was just better than us, but Virginia beat us with (a late field goal) and we took Duke's best team in the last 30 years down to the last six seconds.

"That's one of the saving graces for us. We don't see ourselves as not being able to compete."



Chris Morocco is the likely successor to Rodney Williams as Clemson's quarterback.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **CLEMSON**
   The Tigers' talent isn't dominating, but the schedule poses few problems.
2. **NORTH CAROLINA STATE**
   The Wolfpack, the nation's best-prepared team, will challenge Clemson.
3. **VIRGINIA**
   The addition of freshman running back Kirby is just what the doctor ordered.
4. **DUKE**
   The Blue Devils rate as the ACC sleeper. Improved defensive play is the key.
5. **NORTH CAROLINA**
   With Brown at the helm, the Tar Heels are capable of an upper-division finish.
6. **GEORGIA TECH**
   Disappointing in '88, the Yellow Jackets are looking for redemption in '89.
7. **MARYLAND**
   The rebuilding Terrapins are lacking in team speed and depth.
8. **WAKE FOREST**
   The Demon Deacons suffered some big losses, yet remain competitive.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

CLEMSON

Coach: Danny Ford (86-27-4, 11 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (beat Oklahoma in Florida Citrus Bowl). ACC: 6-1/1st.
Key losses: Jeff Bak, C; Gene Beasley, S; Raymond Chavous, OT; James Coley, TE; Mark Drag, MG; Jesse Hatcher, LB; Ricardo Hooper, FL; Keith Jennings, SE; Tracy Johnson, FB; Richard McCullough, DT; Jeff Nunamacher, OT; Rodney Williams, QB; Donnell Woolford, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (3): Terry Allen, TB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Jeb Flesch, G, 6-3/266, Soph.; Eric Harmon, G, 6-0/269, Jr. **Defense (6):** Doug Brewster, LB, 6-1/197, Jr.; Dexter Davis, CB, 5-9/180, Soph.; Vance Hammond, T, 6-7/295, Jr.; Levon Kirkland, LB, 6-2/219, Soph.; James Lott, S, 5-10/174, Sr.; Ed McDaniel, LB, 5-11/223, Soph.
Key returnees: Bruce Bratton, OT, Soph.; Gary Cooper, FL, Sr.; Chip Davis, SE, Sr.; David Davis, MG, Soph. (switched from DT); Rodney Fletcher, SE, Sr.; Chris Gardocki, K/P, Soph.; Kelvin Hankins, OT, Soph.; Wayne Harps, LB, Sr.; Jerome Henderson, CB, Jr.; Joe Henderson, TB, Sr.; Charlie James, TB, Soph.; John Johnson, LB, Jr.; Stacy Long, OT, Jr.; Dorian Mariable, LB, Sr.; Wesley McFadden, FB, Sr.; Chris Morocco, QB, Sr.; Otis Moore, DT, Sr.; Arlington Nunn, S, Jr.; Hank Phillips, C, Sr.; Vince Taylor, LB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Norris Brown, S (RS); Michael Carr, QB (RS); Junior Hall, FB (RS); Les Hall, OT (RS); Chester McGlockton, DT (RS); Al Richard, MG (RS/switched from DT); Sean Scott, LB (RS); Wayne Simmons, LB (RS); Marc Taylor, S (RS).
Schedule: Furman, Sept. 2; at Florida State, Sept. 9; at Virginia Tech, Sept. 16; Maryland, Sept. 23; at Duke, Sept. 30; Virginia, Oct. 7; Georgia Tech, Oct. 14; N.C. State, Oct. 21; Wake Forest, Oct. 28; at North Carolina, Nov. 4; at South Carolina, Nov. 18.
Site: Clemson, S.C.

There have been years when the Tigers' second team has been good enough to contend for the ACC title. They can only hope 1988 was one of them.

Most of Clemson's second string has moved up to starting status after the departure of 35 lettermen, including consensus All-America cornerback Donnell Woolford and All-ACC picks Jeff Nunamacher at offensive tackle and Mark Drag at middle guard.

"We lost our top passer, our top punt returner, our top receiver, top interceptor, our passes-broken-up leader, top offensive lineman, three of our six top tacklers—we lost some good players," Coach Danny Ford said. "... We obviously have a lot of work to do."

The most obvious hole is at quarterback, where Rodney Williams didn't wow anybody but was Clemson's starting quarterback for 32 victories. In the process, Williams set a school record for career passing yardage. His successor will be senior Chris Morocco, sophomore DeChane Cameron or redshirt freshman Michael Carr. Whoever it is will be untested; Williams attempted 175 of Clemson's 190 passes in 1988.

"If we played our first game today, Morocco would be the starter," Ford said in the spring. "... It is his job to keep right now because he will be able to read better and he knows our system."

The new quarterback will spend much of his time handing off to a talented group of running backs led by Terry Allen, a two-time All-ACC pick. Allen rushed for 1,139 yards in 1988 after leading the league with 868 the previous year. Fullback Wesley McFadden and tailback Joe Henderson combined for 827 yards rushing last fall.

When the Tigers get the urge to put the ball in the air, flanker Gary Cooper provides a good target. He averaged 32.1 yards on 13 receptions in 1988.

Guards Eric Harmon and Jeb Flesch are the only returning starters on the offensive line, but center Hank Phillips and tackle Stacy Long averaged nearly 30 plays per game.

A similar situation exists on defense, where Clemson loses Richard McCullough at tackle but replaces him with Otis Moore, a three-year letterman with eight career starts. John Johnson, who will move into one of the outside linebacker spots, had seven tackles for losses as a part-timer.

Such returning starters as tackle Vance Hammond, linebackers Levon Kirkland and Ed McDaniel, safety James Lott and cornerback Dexter Davis ensure that the

Tigers won't get pushed around. The only question is depth.

"We won't have the luxury of the depth that we had last year," Ford said. "Each coach is going to have to make some guys into starters and into quality reserves if we are going to maintain the levels of success that previous Clemson teams have started."

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Dick Sheridan (20-13-2, 3 years; 89-36-4 overall, 11 years).
1988 record: 8-3-1 (beat Iowa in Peach Bowl). ACC: 4-2-1/3rd.
Key losses: John Adleta, NG; Scott Auer, LB; Michael Brooks, S; Mal Crite, FB; Bobby Harrell, TE; Chuck Massaro, C; Brock Miller, OT; Danny Peebles, WR; Fred Stone, LB; Naz Worthen, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Scott Adell, T, 6-4/278, Soph.; Lance Hammond, T, 6-4/264, Sr. (switched from G); Shane Montgomery, QB, 6-1/178, Sr.; Rich Pokrant, G, 6-4/265, Jr.; Todd Varn, FB, 6-0/192, Sr. (switched from TB). **Defense (7):** Ray Agnew, T, 6-4/262, Sr.; Jesse Campbell, S, 6-3/208, Soph.; Billy Ray Haynes, LB, 5-11/217, Soph.; Bobby Houston, LB, 6-2/223, Sr.; Joe Johnson, CB, 5-9/177, Jr.; Mike Jones, T, 6-4/269, Jr.; Fernandus Vinson, S, 5-11/195, Jr. (switched from CB).
Key returnees: Barry Anderson, CB, Sr.; Elijah Austin, NG, Jr.; Anthony Barbour, TB, Soph.; Bryan Carter, K, Sr.; Chris Corders, FL, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Charles Davenport, QB, Jr.; Derick Debnam, DT, Sr.; Corey Edmond, LB, Jr.; Damon Hartman, K, Soph.; Todd Harrison, TE, Soph.; Clayton Henry, LB, Jr. (missed spring/knee); John Huggins, G, Jr.; Tyrone Jackson, TB, Soph.; Kent Jordan, C, Sr.; Lee Knight, LB, Soph.; Mark Latta, CB, Soph.; Preston Poag, P, Jr.; Dexter Royal, S, Jr.; Mark Thomas, LB, Soph.; Chris Williams, TB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Neal Auer, TE (RS/switched from LB); Tony Horton, LB (RS); Ricky Logo, NG (RS); Reggie Lawrence, SE (RS); Greg Manior, FB (RS); Andreas O'Neal, LB (RS/switched from DT).
Schedule: Maryland, Sept. 2; Georgia Tech, Sept. 9; at Wake Forest, Sept. 16; North Carolina, Sept. 23; Kent State, Sept. 30; Middle Tenn. State, Oct. 7; at Clemson, Oct. 21; at South Carolina, Oct. 28; Virginia, Nov. 4; at Duke, Nov. 11; Virginia Tech, Nov. 18.
Site: Raleigh, N.C.

If there was anything worse for Wolfpack fans than the reports that Coach Dick Sheridan was being pursued by another school, it was having to endure the experience twice.

After taking himself out of the running for the vacancy at Georgia, Sheridan turned down an overture from his alma mater, South Carolina. He reportedly was offered the former job and was a frontrunner for the latter. But Sheridan said he has some unfinished business at N.C. State.

"We want to be successful not only on a conference basis, but on a national basis," he said. "I think we have begun that process, but we are not there."

N.C. State took a step forward in 1988, finishing 8-3-1 with a 28-23 victory over Iowa in the Peach Bowl. The Wolfpack led the league in total defense and interceptions (21), including five by All-ACC safety Jesse Campbell and four by cornerback-turned-safety Fernandus (Snake) Vinson, who combine with cornerbacks Joe Johnson and Barry Anderson to form one of the nation's top secondaries.

All-ACC tackle Ray Agnew and linebacker Bobby Houston are the other standouts on a promising defense.

N.C. State will miss wide receivers Naz Worthen and Danny Peebles, but the ground game should be improved with tailback Anthony Barbour recovered from knee surgery. The offensive line, led by tackle Scott Adell, should be respectable.

Sheridan plans to continue a platoon system at quarterback, where all-purpose threat Charles Davenport was the starter at the end of the season and Shane Montgomery the pass-happy reliever. Also available are punter Preston Poag, who began the season as the starting quarterback, and strong-armed redshirt freshman Terry Jordan.



Virginia quarterback Shawn Moore set school records for total offense in a game and season last fall.

VIRGINIA

Coach: George Welsh (40-37-2, 7 years; 95-83-3 overall, 16 years).
1988 record: 7-4. ACC: 5-2/2nd.
Key losses: Joel Dempsey, TE/P; John Ford, WR; David Griggs, LB; Mark Inderlied, K; Jeff Lageman, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (9): Roy Brown, G, 6-6/270, Sr.; Paul Collins, T, 6-5/283, Jr.; Durwin Greggs, FB, 6-0/245, Sr.; Herman Moore, WR, 6-5/197, Soph.; Shawn Moore, QB, 6-2/213, Jr.; Tim Morris, C, 6-3/255, Sr. (status questionable/personal reasons); Ray Roberts, T, 6-6/290, Soph.; Trevor Ryals, G, 6-4/252, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Marcus Wilson, TB, 6-1/209, Jr. **Defense (9):** Ron Carey, NG, 6-3/264, Jr.; Tony Covington, CB, 6-0/189, Jr.; Joe Hall, NG, 6-2/260, Jr. (switched from DT); Tyrone Lewis, S, 5-10/188, Soph.; Keith McMeans, S, 5-11/191, Jr. (may play P); Don Reynolds, E, 6-4/256, Soph.; Ray Savage, E, 6-2/233, Sr.; Chris Stearns, T, 6-6/268, Jr.; Jason Wallace, CB, 5-10/160, Jr.
Key returnees: Donald Bryant, FB, Sr.; Derek Dooley, WR, Jr.; Tim Finkelston, WR, Sr.; Nikki Fisher, RB, Soph. (Achilles tendon strain in spring); John Gowen, K, Jr.; Michael Husted, K, Soph.; Jake McInerney, K, Jr.; Bruce McGonnigal, TE, Jr.; Tim O'Connor, T, Sr. (status questionable/personal reasons); Phil Thomas, LB, Sr.; Elton Toliver, LB, Sr. (switched from DT).
Top newcomers: Mark Dixon, L; Terry Kirby, RB; Myron Martin, P (JC); Chris Slade, DE/LB.
Schedule: Notre Dame (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Aug. 31; at Penn State, Sept. 9; at Georgia Tech, Sept. 16; Duke, Sept. 23; William & Mary, Sept. 30; at Clemson, Oct. 7; North Carolina, Oct. 14; Wake Forest, Oct. 21; Louisville, Oct. 28; at N.C. State, Nov. 4; Virginia Tech, Nov. 11; at Maryland, Nov. 18.
Site: Charlottesville, Va.

Just in case there was any confusion, Virginia Coach George Welsh ended his team's awards banquet last winter by reminding the players that "the games at the start of the season count as much as the games at the end."

That was never more evident than in 1988, when the Cavaliers virtually eliminated themselves from postseason consideration with a 2-4 start. Virginia won its last five games, which was good for second place in the ACC but no bowl bid.

All the concentration in the world may not help Virginia against a schedule that opens with Notre Dame and Penn State. Virginia will meet the Fighting Irish in the season-opening Kickoff Classic on August 31.

"It might be the toughest schedule I've ever had as a head coach," said Welsh, whose team also faces road trips to Clemson and N.C. State. "... If I had my druthers, I'd take one of those early games and put it at the end of the schedule. If we're going to win early, we have to be good right away."

The Cavaliers welcome back 18 starters, including quarterback Shawn Moore, who set a school record for total offense in a game (396 yards) and season (2,526) last fall. Moore passed for 15 touchdowns and rushed for another 10.

Virginia's all-time leading receiver, John Ford, has taken his talents to the National Football League, but there is experience returning in wide receivers Tim Finkelston and Herman Moore and tight

Continued

PRESEASON ALL-ACC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	CLARKSTON HINES, Duke	6-01/170	Senior
WR	RICKY PROEHL, Wake Forest	6-00/185	Senior
TE	DAVE COLONNA, Duke	6-05/241	Senior
T	SCOTT ADELL, North Carolina State	6-04/278	Soph.
T	CHRIS PORT, Duke	6-07/280	Senior
C	CAREY METTS, Duke	6-01/260	Senior
G	PAT CROWLEY, North Carolina	6-03/280	Senior
G	ERIC HARMON, Clemson	6-00/269	Junior
QB	NEIL O'DONNELL, Maryland	6-03/221	Senior
RB	TERRY ALLEN, Clemson	5-11/200	Junior
RB	JERRY MAYS, Georgia Tech	5-08/166	Senior
RB	*MARK YOUNG, Wake Forest	6-00/210	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	RAY AGNEW, North Carolina State	6-04/262	Senior
DL	WILLIE BURKS, Georgia Tech	6-03/277	Senior
DL	CECIL GRAY, North Carolina	6-05/293	Senior
DL	VANCE HAMMOND, Clemson	6-07/295	Junior
DL	RAY SAVAGE, Virginia	6-02/233	Senior
LB	LEVON KIRKLAND, Clemson	6-02/219	Soph.
LB	JOHN HOWELL, Duke	6-02/236	Senior
LB	DWIGHT HOLLIER, North Carolina	6-03/222	Soph.
LB	ED McDANIEL, Clemson	5-11/223	Soph.
DB	JESSE CAMPBELL, North Carolina State	6-03/208	Soph.
DB	JAMES LOTT, Clemson	5-10/174	Senior
DB	KEITH McMEANS, Virginia	5-11/191	Junior
DB	KEN SWILLING, Georgia Tech	6-03/227	Soph.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	WILSON HOYLE, Wake Forest	5-10/167	Senior
P	CHRIS GARDOCKI, Clemson	6-02/194	Soph.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	GARY COOPER, Clemson	6-02/196	Senior
WR	GREG LESTER, Georgia Tech	5-10/172	Junior
TE	BRUCE McGONNIGAL, Virginia	6-05/221	Junior
T	ROD FERGUSON, Wake Forest	6-06/260	Senior
T	DARRYL JENKINS, Georgia Tech	6-05/288	Junior
C	MARK AGENT, Maryland	6-05/245	Senior
G	ROY BROWN, Virginia	6-06/270	Senior
G	JEB FLESCH, Clemson	6-03/266	Soph.
QB	SHAWN MOORE, Virginia	6-02/213	Junior
RB	ROGER BOONE, Duke	5-08/165	Senior
RB	JOE HENDERSON, Clemson	5-09/181	Senior
RB	*BREN LOWERY, Maryland	5-10/182	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	ANTHONY ALLEN, Duke	6-05/252	Senior
DL	JOHN McDONALD, Duke	6-04/240	Senior
DL	MARVIN MITCHELL, Wake Forest	6-05/285	Junior
DL	OTIS MOORE, Clemson	6-03/276	Senior
DL	LARRY WEBSTER, Maryland	6-05/270	Soph.
LB	KARL EDWARDS, Maryland	6-04/230	Junior
LB	BOBBY HOUSTON, North Carolina State	6-02/223	Senior
LB	JOHN JOHNSON, Clemson	6-03/215	Junior
LB	ERIC THOMAS, Georgia Tech	6-01/220	Senior
DB	DEXTER DAVIS, Clemson	5-09/180	Soph.
DB	TORIN DORN, North Carolina	6-01/193	Senior
DB	JOE JOHNSON, North Carolina State	5-09/177	Junior
DB	FERNANDUS VINSON, North Carolina State	5-11/195	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	DOUG PETERSON, Duke	6-00/180	Senior
P	PRESTON POAG, North Carolina State	6-02/191	Junior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Colonna


Young


Kirkland


McMeans


Lester


Dorn


Agent


Vinson

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Martin, No. Carolina ..	193	1146	5.9	104.2
Allen, Clemson	199	1139	5.7	103.6
Mays, Georgia Tech...	194	942	4.9	85.6
Boone, Duke	185	836	4.5	76.0

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Montgomery, N.C. St.	198	123	1522	131.9
O'Donnell, Maryland..	267	160	1967	128.4
Moore, Virginia	282	141	2158	121.9
Poag, N.C. St.	80	33	531	104.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Moore, Virginia	368	2158	2526	229.6
O'Donnell, Maryland	166	1967	2133	193.9
Montgomery, NC St.	–26	1522	1496	136.0

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Boone, Duke	73	630	8.6	6.6
Hines, Duke.....	68	1067	15.7	6.2
Proehl, Wake Forest..	51	845	16.6	4.6

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Peterson, Duke	0	34	12	70	6.4
Proehl, Wake Forest	11	0	0	66	6.0
Martin, No. Carolina	11	0	0	66	6.0
Hines, Duke.....	10	4	0	64	5.8

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Poag, N.C. St.	66	2651	40.2
McAlister, North Carolina..	68	2711	39.9
DeArmas, Maryland.....	50	1862	37.2

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Blount, North Carolina...	15	148	0	9.9
Chamblin, Georgia Tech	17	127	0	7.5
Lowery, Maryland	16	119	0	7.4
Finkelston, Virginia	25	177	0	7.1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
C. Williams, N.C. St.....	18	468	0	26.0
McCracken, Duke	19	483	1	25.4
Jones, Duke	14	340	1	24.3
Finkelston, Virginia	14	324	0	23.1

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Gardocki, Clemson	30	17	.567	1.55
Peterson, Duke	16	12	.750	1.09
Hartman, N.C. St.....	13	8	.615	.89
Gwaltney, No. Carolina	7	6	.857	.75

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Campbell, N.C. St.	5	71	1	.45
McMeans, Virginia	5	49	0	.45
Vinson, N.C. St.....	4	21	0	.36

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Clemson	6	1	0	10	2	0
Virginia	5	2	0	7	4	0
North Carolina State.....	4	2	1	8	3	1
Wake Forest.....	4	3	0	6	4	1
Maryland	4	3	0	5	6	0
Duke.....	3	3	1	7	3	1
North Carolina.....	1	6	0	1	10	0
Georgia Tech	0	7	0	3	8	0

end Bruce McGonnigal.

"We don't have anybody like Ford; we may not in the next four years," Welsh said. "We'll have good enough receivers. They'll catch the ball and they'll get open."

The coaches said tailback Marcus Wilson was faster than ever last spring despite operations on both knees that limited him to six games in 1988. He'll be challenged by Nikki Fisher, who finished the '88 season with back-to-back 100-yard games, and heralded recruit Terry Kirby.

All-ACC guard Roy Brown is one of five returning starters on the offensive line. Tackle Ray Roberts, a 6-foot-6, 290-pound sophomore, is said to be farther advanced than any Virginia lineman at a comparable stage.

The chief concern on defense is linebacker, where team-leading tacklers Jeff Lageman and David Griggs will be missed. Former walk-on Phil Thomas and converted defensive tackle Elton Toliver are the best bets to take their place. End Ray Savage and safety Keith McMeans lead units that return intact.

DUKE

Coach: Steve Spurrier (12-9-1, 2 years).
1988 record: 7-3-1. ACC: 3-3-1/6th.
Key losses: Anthony Dilweg, QB/P; Mike Diminick, S; Ted McNairy, OG; Jeff Patten, DE; John Rymiszewski, FB; Jim Worthington, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Roger Boone, TB, 5-8/165, Sr.; Dave Colonna, TE, 6-5/241, Sr.; Clarkston Hines, WR, 6-1/170, Sr.; Walter Jones, SE, 5-11/180, Soph.; Carey Metts, C, 6-1/260, Sr.; Chip Nitowksi, T, 6-5/282, Jr.; Chris Port, T, 6-7/280, Sr.; Brett Tulacro, G, 6-4/289, Sr. **Defense (8):** Anthony Allen, T, 6-5/252, Sr.; John Howell, LB, 6-2/236, Sr.; Doug Kley, T, 6-4/245, Sr.; Quinton McCracken, CB, 5-11/180, Soph.; John McDonald, E, 6-4/240, Sr.; Randy Sally, LB, 5-11/198, Sr.; Erwin Sampson, S, 5-11/170, Soph.; Wyatt Smith, CB, 5-10/170, Soph.
Key returnees: Mark Allen, LB, Soph.; Preston Anderson, DT, Jr.; Chris Brown, FB, Soph.; Randy Cuthbert, TB/P, Soph.; Keith Daniel, CB, Sr. (RS/medical); Rodney Dickerson, CB, Sr.; Greg Downs, SE, Sr.; George Edwards, LB, Sr. (RS/medical); Kendrick Eily, DE, Jr.; Kent Hull, QB, Jr.; Randy Jones, TB, Jr.; Kevin Patterson, OG, Sr.; Doug Peterson, K, Sr.
Top newcomers: Billy Ray, QB (transfer/Alabama).
Schedule: At South Carolina, Sept. 2; Northwestern, Sept. 9; at Tennessee, Sept. 16; at Virginia, Sept. 23; Clemson, Sept. 30; Army, Oct. 7; at Maryland, Oct. 21; Georgia Tech, Oct. 28; at Wake Forest, Nov. 4; N.C. State, Nov. 11; at North Carolina, Nov. 18.)
Site: Durham, N.C.

Duke was a rarity in college football in 1988 in that it scored exactly as many points, 324, as it allowed, which isn't a particularly reassuring statistic for Coach Steve Spurrier.

While those point totals might reflect something close to a .500 record, the Blue Devils were fortunate to go 7-3-1, and Spurrier realizes his team must improve defensively for continued success. He made some aggressive moves in the offseason, releasing his defensive coordinator, Rick Johnson, and taking a greater personal involvement in that area.

"I used to have a philosophy that as



Duke tailback Roger Boone led the ACC in receptions and all-purpose running last season.

head coach I'd run the offense, get a good defensive coordinator and away we go," Spurrier said. "In the past I talked it up, but didn't spend much time over there."

Spurrier now will spend more time working with the likes of linebacker John Howell, tackle Anthony Allen and end John McDonald, all of whom have All-ACC potential. They are among eight returning starters on defense.

The offense also returns eight starters who provide plenty of ammunition in case the Blue Devils are involved in any more 43-43 games, as they had last year at N.C. State. Tailback Roger Boone led the league in receptions (73) and all-purpose running (1,466 yards), All-ACC wide receiver Clarkston Hines had a league-high 1,067 yards receiving and placekicker Doug Peterson is the league's top returning scorer.

"In my opinion, Hines is the best in the country," Spurrier said. "To me, what separates Clarkston is his tremendous competitive nature. He's out there to win the football game."

Duke lost All-ACC quarterback Anthony Dilweg, but Spurrier likes what he's seen of Billy Ray, a transfer from Alabama with a strong arm and 4.5-second speed in the 40-yard dash.

The offensive line isn't as flashy but includes All-ACC tackle Chris Port and center Carey Metts. Dave Colonna, another all-league pick, returns at tight end.

NORTH CAROLINA

Coach: Mack Brown (1-10, 1 year; 18-38 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 1-10. ACC: 1-6/7th.
Key losses: Jeff Garnica, C; Antonio Goss, LB; Darrell Hamilton, OT; Damon Hueston, TE; Creighton Incorminias, OT; Chris Jacobs, NG; Randy Marriott, WR; Kennard Martin, TB (status questionable/academics); Steve Steinbacher, OG; James Thompson, FB; Dan Vooletich, S.
Starters returning: Offense (3): Eric Blount, SE, 5-9/170, Soph.; Todd Burnett, QB, 6-6/190, Soph.; Pat Crowley, G, 6-3/280, Sr. **Defense (8):** Roy Barker, NG, 6-5/264, Soph. (switched from DT); Clarence Carter, CB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Terrence Fedd, S, 6-0/175, Soph.; Cecil Gray, T, 6-5/293, Sr.; Dwight Hollier, LB, 6-3/222, Soph.; Doxie Jordan, CB, 6-0/179, Soph.; John Reed, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Bernard Timmons, LB, 6-2/223, Jr.
Key returnees: Michael Benefield, FB, Jr.; Reggie Clark, S, Jr. (switched from WR); Torin Dorn, CB, Sr. (switched from TB); Eric Gash, LB, Soph.; Jonathan Hall, QB, Sr.; Don Millen, LB, Jr.; Aaron Staples, TB, Sr.; Dennis Tripp, DT, Jr. (switched from NG); Willie Joe Walker, LB, Sr. (switched from DT/shoulder injury in spring); Carl Watts, C, Sr. (switched from OG).
Top newcomers: Kevin Donnalley, OT (transfer/Davidson); Randy Jordan, TB (Prop 48); Alec Millen, OG (RS/switched from OT).
Schedule: Virginia Military Institute, Sept. 9; at Kentucky, Sept. 16; at N.C. State, Sept. 23; Navy, Sept. 30; Wake Forest, Oct. 7; at Virginia, Oct. 14; at Georgia Tech, Oct. 21; at Maryland, Oct. 28; Clemson, Nov. 4; South Carolina, Nov. 11; Duke, Nov. 18.
Site: Chapel Hill, N.C.

In its attempt to rebuild after a 1-10 season in 1988, North Carolina at least could anticipate the return of ACC rushing champion Kennard Martin. But Martin was arrested in late April for stealing textbooks and suspended from the team.

Coach Mack Brown said the suspension stemmed in part from Martin's inconsistent academic performance and, even if acquitted of the criminal charges, his status for the '89 season was uncertain.

Brown already had moved Torin Dorn to the secondary, leaving seldom-used Aaron Staples as the No. 1 tailback.

"Once we had a lot of depth (at tailback), and now we're in trouble," Brown said. "Torin asked to move and did a really good job (at cornerback). He would be available for only limited duty at tailback."

The good news for Carolina in the spring was the play of Jonathan Hall, who completed just 39.5 percent of his passes in 1988 in his return to action after undergoing rotator-cuff surgery.

"Jonathan and I had a long talk at Christmas," Brown said. "He could have started law school and I told him, 'If your arm isn't strong, if it doesn't look like you're going to play, don't come back.' He decided to give it one last try in the spring, and Jonathan came out with an aggressive fifth-year attitude and won the job. He's definitely our starting quarterback."

Hall's protection will come from the likes of All-ACC guard Pat Crowley, but the other four 1988 starters have departed. The receiving corps is similarly inexperienced, with Eric Blount (17 catches) the top returnee.

Carolina had the league's worst defense last year, but it was a young group. The '89 version should be improved. Dorn will help in the secondary, while tackle Cecil Gray and linebacker Dwight Hollier are among eight returning defensive starters.

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GEORGIA TECH

Coach: Bobby Ross (5-17, 2 years; 68-67-1 overall, 12 years).
1988 record: 3-8. ACC: 0-7/8th.
Key losses: Eric Bearden, C; Willis Crockett, LB; Steve Davenport, SE; Nate Kelsey, FB; George Malone, LB; Todd Rampley, QB; Cedric Stallworth, CB; Rod Stephens, LB; Andre Thomas, S; Alonzo Watson, TE.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Scott Beavers, G, 6-5/273, Sr. (missed spring/neck); Darryl Jenkins, T, 6-5/288, Jr.; Greg Lester, FL, 5-10/172, Jr.; Jessie Marion, T, 6-4/276, Sr.; Jerry Mays, RB, 5-8/166, Sr.; Joe Siffri, G, 6-5/280, Jr. (knee injury in spring). **Defense (6):** Willie Burks, T, 6-3/277, Sr.; Gerald Chamblin, CB, 6-0/178, Sr.; Jeff Mathis, NG, 6-3/270, Sr.; Sean Smith, T, 6-7/263, Sr.; Ken Swilling, S, 6-3/227, Soph. (will play TB in goal-line situations); Eric Thomas, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.
Key returnees: Scott Aldredge, P, Jr.; Thomas Balkcom, S, Jr.; Willie Clay, CB, Soph.; Tom Covington, TE, Soph.; Danny Harrison, LB, Sr.; Jeff Maloof, NG, Jr.; Emmett Merchant, FL, Soph.; Stefen Scotton, FB, Jr.; Chris Simmons, LB, Jr. (switched from DT); David Stegall, SE, Soph.; Darrell Swilling, LB, Soph.; Jerrelle Williams, LB, Soph.; Lee Williamson, QB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Eric Bellamy, CB (RS); Paul Bowman, QB (transfer/Navy); Marco Coleman, LB (RS); Jeff Howard, QB (RS); Shawn Jones, QB (RS); Carl Lawson, FB (JC); John Lewis, OG (RS); James McKendree, TE; Veryl Miller, C (transfer/Syracuse); James Reese, FB; Scott Sisson, K; Calvin Tiggle, LB (JC).
Schedule: At N.C. State, Sept. 9; Virginia, Sept. 16; at South Carolina, Sept. 23; Maryland, Oct. 7; at Clemson, Oct. 14; North Carolina, Oct. 21; at Duke, Oct. 28; Western Carolina, Nov. 4; Wake Forest, Nov. 18; Boston College, Nov. 25; Georgia, Dec. 2.
Site: Atlanta.

Although it failed to win an ACC game in 1988, Georgia Tech may not be far from respectability. Its only lopsided loss in league play was to Clemson, 30-13, and the margin in its other six ACC games was one, three, four, five, eight and 10 points.

"I don't think we were a bad football team," Coach Bobby Ross said. "Our won-loss record (3-8) wasn't good, but I thought we made significant improvement from 1987 to '88."

The Yellow Jackets had a solid defense that was betrayed by the league's worst offense. It was virtually a one-man show as Jerry Mays returned from knee surgery to rush for 942 yards and lead the team with 46 receptions.

"He split time for the first three games or else he would have rushed for 1,000 yards easy," Ross said. "He never missed a practice and just had a great year."

The offensive problems can be traced directly to the quarterback. A redshirt freshman, Lee Williamson, started the season opener but was replaced for the rest of the season by senior Todd Rampley. Williamson now is involved in a four-way battle with Paul Bowman, Jeff Howard and Shawn Jones.

"Williamson was like a guy who was brought up to the majors too soon; it doesn't mean he won't be a big-league player," Ross said.

The new quarterback will be tossing passes to flanker Greg Lester while working behind an experienced line led by tackle Darryl Jenkins.

Defensively, Ross must replace five starters, including All-ACC selections Willis Crockett at outside linebacker and Cedric Stallworth at cornerback.

Marco Coleman enjoyed a good spring at outside linebacker, and oft-injured Eric Thomas and Jerrelle Williams have Ross' endorsement on the inside. Also look for good years from tackle Willie Burks and safety Ken Swilling.

"After the spring, there's no question we're better at every position," Ross said.

Who'll Fill Woolford's Shoes?



Ask who'll replace consensus All-America Donnell Woolford in the Clemson secondary this fall, and what you get is a two-pronged answer.

Technically, junior Jerome Henderson will take Woolford's spot at left cornerback. But Dexter Davis, a freshman starter a year ago, figures to take over as leader of the Tiger defense.

Or, as one Clemson official put it, "Jerome will fill the hole, but Dexter will fill the role."

Pretty heady stuff for a sophomore with just seven starts to his name. But then, Davis is already used to pressure situations.



Dexter Davis

"I attracted more attention last year because of Donnell's reputation," he said. "They weren't going to throw to his side, and here I was, a freshman. So they tried to pick on me. That worked in my favor, though. I wasn't scared or anything. That's my job, to stop the receivers."

Davis did not start until Clemson's sixth game, when he broke up four passes, made five tackles and caused a fumble against Duke.

"I'd been waiting to play and getting a little frustrated until the Duke game," he said. "Donnell told me that morning I was going to start, but I didn't really find out until pregame warmups. (Secondary) coach (Bill) Oliver came up and said, 'Can you handle it?' I told him I could."

By the end of the Tigers' 10-2 season, Davis was firmly entrenched at right corner. He finished with 10 passes broken up, second on the team only to Woolford, and an interception. It was an outstanding freshman campaign.

Little wonder Henderson, a backup at right corner last fall, decided a move—even to Woolford's old spot—was his best bet for playing time. Henderson will be under the gun as Woolford's replacement, but Davis will be expected to lead the defense.

"We're a young team, so I'm trying to take more of a leadership role this year," Davis said. "It's not a hard job. I consider it an honor."

—BOB GILLESPIE

MARYLAND

Coach: Joe Krivak (9-13, 2 years).
1988 record: 5-6. ACC: 4-3/T4th.
Key losses: Mike Beasley, RB (transfer); J.B. Brown, DB; Wayne Brunson, DT; Matt D'Amico, LB; Ben Jefferson, OT; Vernon Joines, WR; Rick Nelson, OG; Dan Plocki, K; Warren Powers, DT; John Rugg, OG; Irvin Smith, DB; Chad Sydnor, DB; Andre Vaughn, TB (will miss '89/knee injury in spring.)
Starters returning: Offense (8): Mark Agent, C, 6-5/245, Sr.; David Carr, TE, 6-4/235, Sr.; Barry Johnson, WR, 6-3/193, Jr.; Ricky Johnson, TB, 6-0/193, Sr.; Clarence Jones, T, 6-6/240, Jr. (switched to DT); Mike Kiselak, G, 6-3/258, Sr.; Bren Lowery, FB, 5-10/182, Sr.; Neil O'Donnell, QB, 6-3/221, Sr. **Defense (6):** Jack Bradford, LB, 6-1/216, Jr.; Karl Edwards, LB, 6-4/230, Jr.; Rick Fleece, G, 6-2/262, Jr.; Kevin Fowlkes, S, 5-11/184, Jr.; Scott Saylor, LB, 6-0/231, Sr.; Scott Whittier, LB, 6-0/230, Sr.
Key returnees: Dan DeArmas, K/P, Soph.; Darren Drozdov, DG, Soph.; Dean Green, WR, Sr.; Richie Harris, WR, Soph.; Mark Hofland, OT, Sr.; Mike Hollis, CB, Jr.; Glenn Page, LB, Jr.; Blaine Rose, OG, Sr. (switched from TE); Scott Rosen, CB, Soph.; Dennis Spinelli, FB, Sr.; Ed Suggs, TB, Soph.; Mitch Suplee, OG, Soph.; Mike Thomas, S, Soph.; Larry Webster, DT, Soph.
Top newcomers: Marcus Badgett, WR (RS); Darren Colvin, FB (RS); Mike Hopson, CB (RS); Dan Prunzik, WR (RS); Ron Staffileno, OG (RS).
Schedule: At N.C. State, Sept. 2; West Virginia, Sept. 9; Western Michigan, Sept. 16; at Clemson, Sept. 23; at Michigan, Sept. 30; at Georgia Tech, Oct. 7; at Wake Forest, Oct. 14; Duke, Oct. 21; North Carolina, Oct. 28; Penn State (at Baltimore), Nov. 11; Virginia, Nov. 18.
Site: College Park, Md.

After making a surprise bid for the ACC championship in 1988, when it remained in the title hunt until the next-to-last week, Maryland hopes only to have a full cast this fall.

The Terrapins finished spring practice with a number of stand-ins playing key roles due to an unusual combination of injuries, academic casualties and miscellaneous defections.

"The key is getting these people back," Coach Joe Krivak said. "... If we don't get our people back, we're back to square one."

A chief concern was the running game, which seemed to be in able hands with the return of Ricky Johnson, Mike Beasley and Bren Lowery, the top three rushers in 1988. But Johnson sat out spring drills to concentrate on academics, Lowery was slowed by nagging injuries and Beasley announced plans to transfer. "Then we lost our best young running back (Andre Vaughn) to a knee injury," Krivak said.

SCOUTING THE ACC

Best addition: Terry Kirby, RB, Virginia. Kirby is generally considered the finest high school prospect since Herschel Walker. He'll have the opportunity to showcase his talent in the 1989 Kickoff Classic against Notre Dame.

Best addition, runner-up: Billy Ray, QB, Duke. Ray, a strong-armed junior who transferred from Alabama, gives Coach Steve Spurrier and the Blue Devils their first legitimate chance at the conference crown in the 1980s.

Best tutors: The ACC may well claim the finest array of coaches in the nation. Virginia's George Welsh, North Carolina State's Dick Sheridan and Clemson's Danny Ford rate among the best in the business. Georgia Tech's Bobby Ross and Wake Forest's Bill Dooley are proven winners. Duke's Steve Spurrier and North Carolina's Mack Brown have breathed new life into programs that had been headed nowhere. And Maryland's Joe Krivak has done an admirable job stabilizing the Terrapins while the athletic department has been tottering.

Best kamikaze: John Henry Mills, TE, Wake Forest. Mills, one of the best special-teams players in the country, has a tendency to assure fair catches.

Best scenery: Kenan Memorial Stadium, North Carolina. Surrounded by pine trees that tower over the upper decks of the stadium, Kenan needs only a quality product on the field to rank among the national hot spots to view a game.

Best bet of the year: Clemson will win the conference crown.

Best conference contest: Clemson vs. N.C. State, October 21, at Clemson. This matchup should be better than Hulk Hogan vs. Randy (Macho Man) Savage. Besides the obvious conference crown implications, the Tigers are on a mission. The Wolfpack is the only team to beat Clemson in ACC play since 1985—and has done so three consecutive years.

Most underrated player: Neil O'Donnell, QB, Maryland. Rest assured that the NFL scouts haven't overlooked him.

Best linebacking corps: Clemson. Led by Levon Kirkland and Ed McDaniel, the Tigers have the makings of the ultimate demolition squad—a group of young, lean, mean hitters.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
CLEMSON	B–	B–	C+	C+	B	B–	B
NORTH CAROLINA STATE	B–	B	C–	C+	C	B	B
VIRGINIA	B–	B+	C	C+	C	C+	C+
DUKE	B–	C+	B–	C	C	C+	C
NORTH CAROLINA	C	C–	C–	C	B–	C–	D+
GEORGIA TECH	C	C–	C	C	C	C–	C
MARYLAND	C	C	C	C–	C	D	D
WAKE FOREST	C+	C	C+	C	C–	D	C

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

Although Johnson and Lowery are expected to be ready this fall, the running game "was an area where we had some depth and now we're pretty depleted," Krivak said.

The heart of the team is quarterback Neil O'Donnell, who completed 59.9 percent of his passes for 1,967 yards and 12 touchdowns. Backup Scott Zolak may be one of the league's top five quarterbacks. Center Mark Agent anchors the line.

The defense is led by linebacker Karl Edwards and tackle Larry Webster, who injured a knee in the spring but is expected to be at full strength after arthroscopic surgery. Krivak said Webster "is as good a defensive lineman as we've had in the last 10 years."

The Terps face their typically brutal non-conference schedule—Michigan, Penn State, West Virginia and Western Michigan, which was 9-3 a year ago.

WAKE FOREST

Coach: Bill Dooley (13-8-1, 2 years; 146-98-4 overall, 22 years).
1988 record: 6-4-1. ACC: 4-3/T4th.
Key losses: David Braxton, DE; Dwayne Brown, S (will miss '89/knee injury in spring); Jay Deaver, OG; Mike Elkins, QB; A.J. Greene, CB; Mike Hooten, DE; David Jarvis, TE; Joe Kenn, OG; Tony Mosley, CB; Ernie Purnsley, S; Kelly Vaughan, DT.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Steve Brown, WR, 6-1/182, Jr.; Rod Ferguson, T, 6-6/260, Sr.; Brian Johnson, FB, 6-0/228, Sr.; Robbie Lingerfelt, G, 6-3/280, Jr. (switched from T); Tony Mayberry, C, 6-4/265, Sr.; Ricky Proehl, WR, 6-0/185, Sr.; Mark Young, TB, 6-0/210, Sr. **Defense (5):** Warren Belin, LB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Brad Benson, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; Rodney Hogue, LB, 6-2/213, Sr.; Marvin Mitchell, T, 6-5/285, Jr.; Terry Smith, T, 6-2/255, Sr. (switched from NG).
Key returnees: Louis Altobelli, T, Sr.; Phil Barnhill, QB, Jr.; Wilson Hoyle, K, Sr.; Greg Long, QB, Soph. (broke thumb in spring); John Henry Mills, TE, Soph.; Marco Pickett, WB, Sr.; Tony Rogers, TB, Jr.; Eric Simmons, S, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Mike Smith, NG, Jr.; Anthony Williams, TB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Ricky Brown, WB (RS); Chris Pratapas, QB (RS); Terrell Simmons, TE (RS); Keith West, QB (RS).
Schedule: Appalachian State, Sept. 9; N.C. State, Sept. 16; at Army, Sept. 23; Rice, Sept. 30; at North Carolina, Oct. 7; Maryland, Oct. 14; at Virginia, Oct. 21; at Clemson, Oct. 28; Duke, Nov. 4; Tulsa, Nov. 11; at Georgia Tech, Nov. 18.
Site: Winston-Salem, N.C.

The rebuilding process continues at Wake Forest, where Coach Bill Dooley has made the situation more tolerable by winning while he rebuilds.

The Demon Deacons have posted winning records in each of Dooley's two seasons, including a 6-4-1 mark in 1988, when only a tie with Appalachian State stood in the way of an Independence Bowl bid.

For the first time in four years, Wake Forest will enter the season without a clear-cut No. 1 quarterback following the graduation of Mike Elkins, the second quarterback taken in the NFL draft. His successor will be either Phil Barnhill or Greg Long.

"They're pretty similar," Dooley said. "They're both better runners than Elkins, but they're not near the passer he was. I wish one of them had come forward, but it's still a battle."

The Demon Deacons won't abandon their passing game—not with the return of wide receiver Ricky Proehl, who has caught 105 passes over the last two seasons without making All-ACC. "I've been disappointed for him," Dooley said. "In my mind, he's been as good as any receiver in the conference."

Tailback Mark Young heads a group of quality ballcarriers that includes Tony Rogers and Anthony Williams. Center Tony Mayberry and tackle Rod Ferguson are notable returnees on a capable offensive line.

The Deacons have a good placekicker in Wilson Hoyle, who needs just nine points to become the school's all-time leading scorer.

Dooley's biggest concern is the secondary, where three starters were lost, including All-ACC cornerback A.J. Greene and safety Ernie Purnsley. He also must replace second-round NFL draft pick David Braxton and Mike Hooten at defensive end and emotional Kelly Vaughan at defensive tackle, where 285-pound Marvin Mitchell must become more of a force.

"It all depends on the secondary," Dooley said. "I make no bones about it: At a school like Wake Forest, we need our freshmen to back up or even compete for a first-string job."■

1989 Big Eight drama: Will there even be any?

By TOM SHATEL
Kansas City Star and Times

Boredom and Lethargy are not the newest backfield tandem at Nebraska. But they could dominate Big Eight Conference football stadiums this fall.

Consider the plight of the league as it tries to recover from a scandalous winter:

- Two powers, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, cannot go to a bowl game or appear on television this season due to NCAA rules violations.
- Nebraska, which is booked for a nationally televised game virtually every September, has a non-conference schedule that wound up in the networks' waste baskets: Northern Illinois, Utah, Minnesota and Oregon State. That means the six-team race to the Orange Bowl will get limited exposure, at best. Worse than that, the conference will lose coveted TV revenue as a result.
- Colorado, which was primed to break the Big Red monopoly (or is it monotony?), received word in March that option quarterback Sal Aunese had contracted stomach and lung cancer. Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders is gone. So is the Oklahoma wishbone, traded in for a power-I with options.

Will anybody watch? Save for the endless sellouts in Lincoln and Norman, alarms are being sounded in Manhattan (18,308 average attendance in 1988), Lawrence (31,950) and Columbia (38,480), where budgets will be strained by the absence of TV and bowl revenue that Oklahoma and Oklahoma State brought in a year ago.

Many fans who do attend usually leave during the third quarter of the Big Eight Blowout of the Week. The lack of competitive games and financial pressures have contributed to coaching changes within the conference in eight consecutive seasons. But at least one coach said the league will thrive despite its predicament.

"I really think Oklahoma and Nebraska are still going to dominate, but it's going to get harder for them every Saturday—their players are going to feel what it's like to play seven fourth quarters," Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said. "The coaching in this league is getting better. And as the coaching gets better, the competitiveness gets better and it gets harder to dominate."

But there are two big reasons why Nebraska and Oklahoma will not topple from their throne anytime soon. First, "the Cornhuskers won't get complacent because their goal is always the national championship," Colorado Coach Bill McCartney pointed out. "When you have a goal like that year after year, that's plenty of motivation."

And second, Sooners Coach Barry Switzer once again has his back to the wall after drug, sex and violence scandals shook his team.

"I think he responds well when he has some adversity," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "But it will be interesting to see how things go.... Many people will look at the probation and all that fallout and they think somehow they won't be any good. I think they will be very good."

"We have a chance to be decent. But we won't be overwhelming."

Every season, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne says something to that effect. But this year, after losing 11 All-Big Eight selections—including quarterback Steve Taylor and outside linebacker Broderick Thomas—the Cornhuskers are rebuilding with young talent that might otherwise be a year away from the Orange Bowl if Oklahoma were eligible.

"A lot of our guys now have never played before, so I don't think complacency and overconfidence are going to be a problem," Osborne said.

Inexperience may be a problem, especially at quarterback, where Taylor started the last three seasons. Vying for the job are senior Gerry Gdowski, Nebraska's high school athlete of the year in 1986, and sophomore Mickey Joseph, one of the nation's most highly recruited option quarterbacks out of New Orleans.

Whoever emerges as the starter will have the pleasure of handing off to I-back Ken Clark, who quietly banged out 1,497 yards last season to rank second behind Barry Sanders among Big Eight rushers. Clark, backed up by Leodis Flowers, and fullback Bryan Carpenter will run behind an offensive line that lost three starters. Coaches fear it might not be as powerful as typical Husker lines, even with Doug Glaser at tackle and consensus All-Ameri-

Continued



Safety Reggie Cooper leads a young Nebraska secondary.

NEBRASKA

Coach: Tom Osborne (158-36-2, 16 years).
1988 record: 11-2 (lost to Miami, Fla., in Orange Bowl). Big Eight: 7-0/1st.
Key losses: LeRoy Etienne, LB; Charles Fryar, CB; Willie Griffin, DT; Lorenzo Hicks, CB; Tim Jackson, S; Andy Keeler, OG; Todd Millikan, TE; John Nelson, OG; Lawrence Pete, MG; Bob Sledge, OT; Steve Taylor, QB; Broderick Thomas, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Richard Bell, WB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Bryan Carpenter, FB, 5-10/200, Sr.; Ken Clark, IB, 5-9/200, Sr.; Doug Glaser, T, 6-7/295, Sr.; Morgan Gregory, SE, 6-0/185, Sr.; Jake Young, C, 6-5/260, Sr. **Defense (4):** Chris Caliendo, LB, 6-3/240, Sr.; Reggie Cooper, S, 6-3/200, Jr.; Jeff Mills, LB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Kent Wells, T, 6-5/285, Sr.
Key returnees: Gregg Barrios, K, Jr.; Brian Boerboom, OT, Soph. (RS); Mike Croel, LB, Jr.; Chris Drennan, K, Sr.; Leodis Flowers, IB, Soph.; Gerry Gdowski, QB, Sr.; Randall Jobman, LB, Sr.; Mickey Joseph, QB, Soph.; Monte Kratzenstein, TE, Sr.; Tahaun Lewis, CB, Jr.; Lance Lewis, FB, Soph.; Mike Murray, MG, Sr.; Bruce Pickens, CB, Jr.; Tom Punt, OT, Jr.; Terry Rodgers, IB, Jr.; John Roschal, OG, Jr.; Joe Sims, DT, Jr.; Nate Turner, SE/WB, Soph.; Pat Tyrance, LB, Jr.; Kenny Walker, DT, Jr.; Jim Wanek, OG, Jr.
Top newcomers: Byron Bennett, P/K; Tyrone Byrd, S (RS); Omar Soto, FB (JC); William Washington, TE (RS).
Schedule: Northern Illinois, Sept. 9; Utah, Sept. 16; at Minnesota, Sept. 23; Oregon State, Sept. 30; Kansas State, Oct. 7; at Missouri, Oct. 14; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 21; Iowa State, Oct. 28; at Colorado, Nov. 4; Kansas, Nov. 11; Oklahoma, Nov. 18.
Site: Lincoln, Neb.

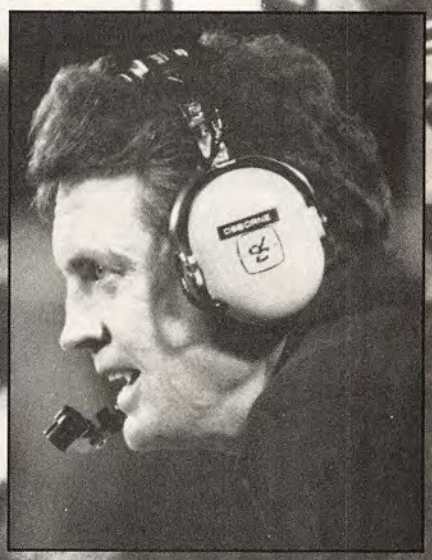
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1. **NEBRASKA**
   The Cornhuskers have a tailor-made schedule to win the national title.
2. **COLORADO**
   The winner of the November 4 Buffs-Huskers game will head to Miami.
3. **OKLAHOMA**
   The Sooners have their weakest offense in six years. They'll be better in '90.
4. **MISSOURI**
   The loss of linebacker Miller might cost the Tigers a bowl berth.
5. **OKLAHOMA STATE**
   The Cowboys lost more than just Sanders, but they still have Gundy.
6. **IOWA STATE**
   Walden is making progress, albeit gradually, in rebuilding the Cyclones.
7. **KANSAS STATE**
   The Wildcats have their best coaching staff of the '80s and could finish higher.
8. **KANSAS**
   The '89 Jayhawks could be the worst Division I-A team of this decade.

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ca Jake Young at center, but it's strong nonetheless.

Osborne will aim to shoot the ball more frequently to wingback Richard Bell and split ends Nate Turner and Morgan Gregory. Even with a team that led the nation in rushing (382.3 yards per game) last season, Osborne was criticized by local media and fans alike when the Huskers' offense got by 7-0 over Colorado and 7-3 over Oklahoma before limping through a 23-3 loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl.

"It's not as if we'll abandon the I-formation," Osborne said. "We change (tinker) every year. Obviously, we were concerned we didn't play better or didn't score more points toward the end."

This season, however, Nebraska's defense can't be expected to carry the team. Oh, there are all-conference candidates in tackle Kent Wells, linebackers Jeff Mills, Chris Caliendo and Mike Croel and strong safety Reggie Cooper, who leads a young secondary. But almost everyone at Big Red Central is counting on a 5-0 romp through the early schedule while the defense gains confidence, the offensive line gets game experience and a quarterback steps forward before the Huskers get tested.

COLORADO

Coach: Bill McCartney (35-44-1, 7 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (lost to Brigham Young in Freedom Bowl). Big Eight: 4-3/4th.
Key losses: Sal Aunese, QB (undergoing chemotherapy for stomach cancer); Don DeLuzio, LB; Keith English, P; Cole Hayes, DT; Erik Norgard, C; Tom Reinhardt, NT.
Starters returning: Offense (9): Eric Bieniemy, TB, 5-6/190, Jr.; Jeff Campbell, WR, 5-9/170, Sr.; Bill Coleman, T, 6-5/265, Sr.; Joe Garten, G, 6-3/280, Jr.; Erich Kissick, FB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Darrin Muilenburg, G, 6-4/280, Sr.; Mike Pritchard, WB, 5-11/180, Jr.; John Perak, TE, 6-6/235, Sr.; Mark Vander Poel, T, 6-8/295, Jr. **Defense (8):** Deon Figures, CB, 6-1/170, Soph.; Tim James, S, 6-3/200, Jr.; Michael Jones, LB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Dave McCloughan, CB, 6-1/185, Jr.; Kanavis McGhee, LB, 6-5/240, Jr. (missed spring/ankle); Arthur Walker, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Alfred Williams, LB, 6-6/235, Jr.; Bruce Young, S, 5-10/200, Sr.
Key returnees: Pat Blottiaux, K, Soph.; David Brown, LB, Jr.; Ken Culbertson, K, Sr.; J.J. Flannigan, TB, Sr.; David Gibbs, CB, Jr.; Darian Hagan, QB, Soph.; George Hemingway, FB, Jr.; Jay Leeuwenburg, C, Soph.; O.C. Oliver, TB, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Keith Pontiflet, CB, Sr.; Okland Salavea, DT, Sr.; Michael Simmons, FB, Jr. (RS/disciplinary suspension); Joel Steed, NT, Soph.
Top newcomers: Tamasi Amituanai, NT; Marcellous Elder, DT; Jim Dadiotis, C (transfer/Notre Dame); Mike Motley, LB (JC); Tom Rouen, P (transfer/Colorado State); Ronnie Woolfork, QB.
Schedule: Texas, Sept. 4; Colorado State, Sept. 9; Illinois, Sept. 16; at Washington, Sept. 30; Missouri, Oct. 7; at Iowa State, Oct. 14; Kansas, Oct. 21; at Oklahoma, Oct. 28; Nebraska, Nov. 4; at Oklahoma State, Nov. 11; at Kansas State, Nov. 18.
Site: Boulder, Colo.

Sal Aunese, the Buffaloes' catalyst at quarterback the last two seasons, is not expected to return after being diagnosed with stomach cancer, which had spread to one of his lungs, in late March. But Aunese, who is undergoing chemotherapy, ended an emotional speech at the Colorado spring game by saying, "See you in the fall."



Oklahoma's Mike Gaddis rushed for 516 yards as a freshman last season.

Is Aunese planning a comeback?

"I don't know what he meant by that," Colorado Coach Bill McCartney said. "That could be construed to mean he expects to be alive in the fall or that he intends to play. I don't know if anybody knows the answer to that.

"He's a very popular player. He's a leader on our team, very humble, a team-oriented guy. As he continues to fight this battle, it has an impact on all of us because we're all right there with him."

Does McCartney expect Aunese to attempt a comeback?

"It would be one of the all-time comebacks," McCartney said.

Meanwhile, the career of sophomore Darian Hagan will be ushered in as quickly and tactfully as possible. Hagan, an explosive runner who came out of high school predicting he would "break all of Jamelle Holieway's records," has no choice but to be ready early. Asked to compare Hagan to Aunese, McCartney said: "Darian has as much ability as anyone. He just needs experience."

How quickly Hagan progresses is the only question on a Colorado team with enough answers to make it to the Orange Bowl for the first time since the 1976 season.

There are nine returning starters on offense, eight on defense. The I-bone offense begins with 5-foot-6 tailback Eric Bieniemy, the No. 6 rusher in Division I-A last season with 1,243 yards. He's backed up by the fastest initials in college football: J.J. Flannigan, who ran for 522 yards in 1988, and O.C. Oliver.

Colorado's offensive line, led by 6-8, 295-pound All-America candidate Mark Vander Poel at tackle, may be the biggest and best in college football. Both guards, Darrin Muilenburg and Joe Garten, weigh in at 280.

The only catch is at receiver. The Buffs lack depth there but McCartney hopes to throw more to keep defenses guessing. McCartney's own defense was, overall, about average last season, but it needs to make a giant step to consistency with games against Texas, Illinois and Washington in September. Tackle Arthur Walker, outside linebackers Kanavis McGhee and Alfred Williams and free safety Bruce Young must realize their big-time, big-play potential before you color the Buffs orange.

After all, Colorado traditionally has trouble at Oklahoma State, and this year's trip comes after consecutive games at Oklahoma and against Nebraska at home. "The smartest thing this team can do is take it one at a time," McCartney said. "If we do that, we could be in the thick of things."

OKLAHOMA

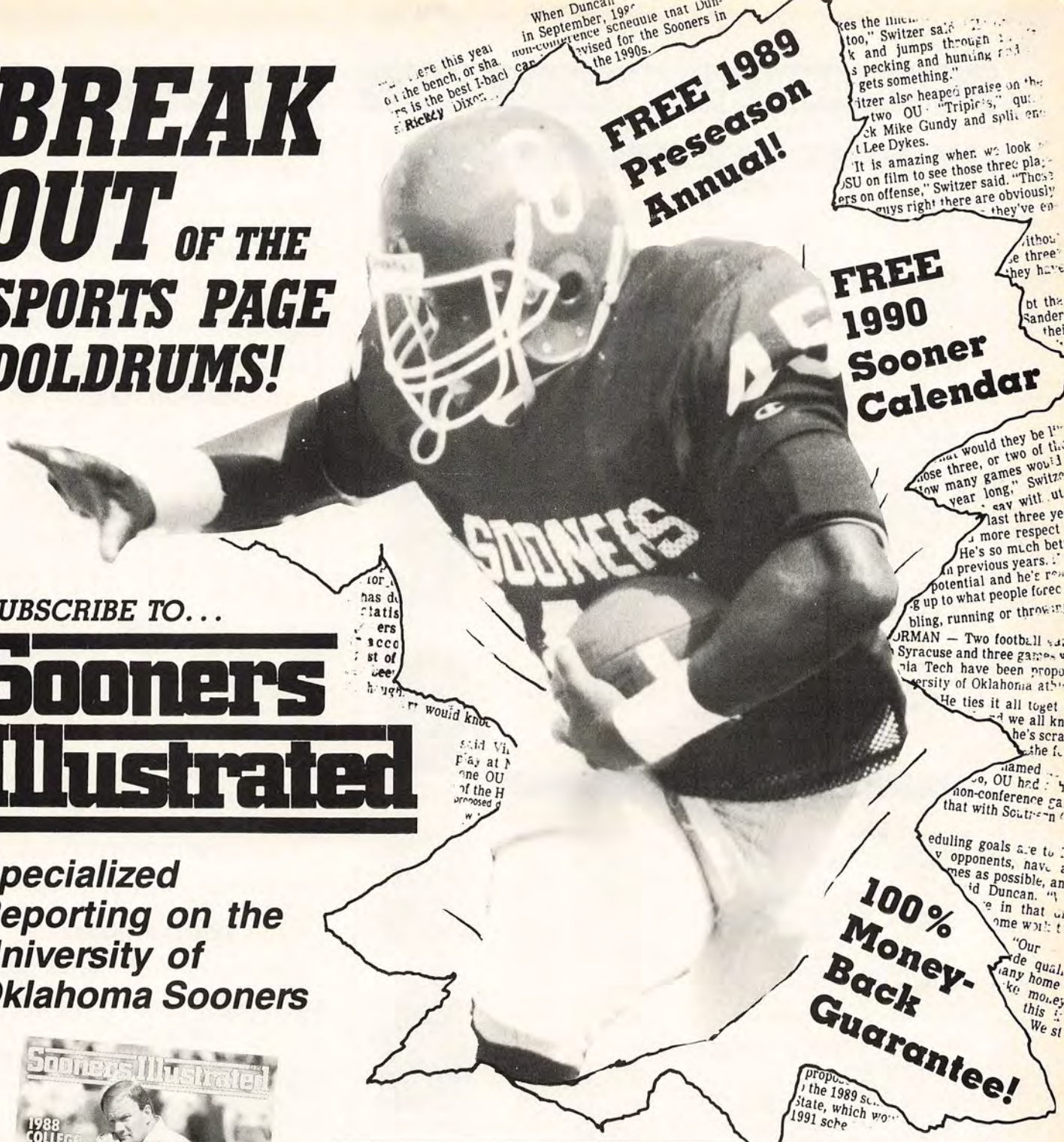
Coach: Barry Switzer (157-29-4, 16 years).
1988 record: 9-3 (lost to Clemson in Florida Citrus Bowl). Big Eight: 6-1/2nd.
Key losses: Richard Dillon, LB; Scott Garl, DB; Jamelle Holieway, QB; Kert Kaspar, LB; Bob Latham, C; Jerry Parks, CB; Anthony Phillips, OG; Tyrone Rodgers, NG (transfer/Washington); Anthony Stafford, HB; Charles Thompson, QB; Curtice Williams, DT.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Eric Bross, SE, 6-2/194, Sr.; Adrian Cooper, TE, 6-6/250, Jr.; Mike Gaddis, HB, 6-2/205, Soph.; Terron Manning, T, 6-2/292, Jr.; Leon Perry, FB, 6-1/223, Sr. (missed spring/foot); Mike Sawatzky, G, 6-4/264, Jr.; Mark VanKeirsbilck, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Mike Wise, C, 6-6/270, Sr. **Defense (5):** Wayne Dickson, E, 6-4/240, Sr.; Scott Evans, T, 6-3/251, Jr.; James Goode, E, 6-4/233, Jr.; Ken McMichael, DB, 6-1/208, Sr.; Kevin Thompson, DB, 5-11/191, Sr.
Key returnees: Jason Belser, CB, Soph.; Frank Blevins, LB, Jr.; Rod Fisher, WB, Soph.; Charles Franks, CB, Soph.; Billy Dykes, TE, Soph.; R.D. Lashar, K, Jr.; Proctor Land, DE, Soph.; Larry Medice, OG, Jr.; Chris Melson, QB, Soph.; Glyn Milburn, WB, Soph.; Don Smitherman, HB, Sr.; Dante Williams, NG, Sr. (missed '88/knee); Chris Wilson, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Joe Bowden, LB (Prop 48); Steve Collins, QB (RS); Tink Collins, QB (RS); Jimmy Fennell, DB (Prop 48); Reggie Finch, RB (Prop 48); Ike Lewis, RB (Prop 48); Freddie McCline, DB (Prop 48); Jeff Miller, OG (JC); Brad Reddell, P (RS); Keith Traylor, LB (JC).
Schedule: New Mexico State, Sept. 2; Baylor, Sept. 9; at Arizona, Sept. 16; at Kansas, Sept. 30; Oklahoma State, Oct. 7; Texas (at Dallas), Oct. 14; at Iowa State, Oct. 21; Colorado, Oct. 28; Missouri, Nov. 4; Kansas State, Nov. 11; at Nebraska, Nov. 18.
Site: Norman, Okla.

The atmosphere can only improve at Oklahoma, where the nightmare from last winter's barrage of player arrests finally subsided into football. But it will be a long time before any Sooner can erase from his memory the sight of quarterback Charles Thompson being taken away in handcuffs, arrested on charges of selling cocaine to an undercover FBI agent.

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PRESEASON ALL-BIG EIGHT TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	NATE TURNER, Nebraska	6-01/220	Soph.
WR	GREG WASHINGTON, Kansas State	5-10/155	Senior
TE	TIM BRUTON, Missouri	6-04/245	Junior
T	DOUG GLASER, Nebraska	6-07/295	Senior
T	MARK VANDER POEL, Colorado	6-08/295	Junior
C	JAKE YOUNG, Nebraska	6-05/260	Senior
G	JOE GARTEN, Colorado	6-03/280	Junior
G	DARRIN MUILENBURG, Colorado	6-04/280	Senior
QB	MIKE GUNDY, Oklahoma State	6-00/185	Senior
RB	ERIC BIENIEMY, Colorado	5-06/190	Junior
RB	KEN CLARK, Nebraska	5-09/200	Senior
RB	*MIKE GADDIS, Oklahoma	6-02/205	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	DANTE WILLIAMS, Oklahoma	6-02/265	Senior
DL	SCOTT EVANS, Oklahoma	6-03/251	Junior
DL	JAMES GOODE, Oklahoma	6-04/233	Junior
DL	ARTHUR WALKER, Colorado	6-04/270	Senior
DL	KENT WELLS, Nebraska	6-05/285	Senior
LB	MIKE CROEL, Nebraska	6-03/215	Junior
LB	KANAVIS McGHEE, Colorado	6-05/240	Junior
LB	JEFF MILLS, Nebraska	6-03/220	Senior
LB	ALFRED WILLIAMS, Colorado	6-06/235	Junior
DB	REGGIE COOPER, Nebraska	6-03/200	Junior
DB	ADRIAN JONES, Missouri	6-00/181	Senior
DB	OTIS SMITH, Missouri	5-11/182	Senior
DB	BRUCE YOUNG, Colorado	5-10/200	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JEFF SHUDAK, Iowa State	5-11/178	Junior
K/P	CARY BLANCHARD, Oklahoma State	6-01/200	Junior


Washington


Muilenburg


Croel


A. Jones

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	JARROD GREEN, Oklahoma State	6-01/200	Senior
WR	MORGAN GREGORY, Nebraska	6-00/185	Senior
TE	MIKE BUSCH, Iowa State	6-05/252	Senior
T	TERRON MANNING, Oklahoma	6-02/292	Junior
T	MARK VANKEIRSBILCK, Oklahoma	6-02/270	Senior
C	PAUL YNIQUEZ, Kansas State	6-03/280	Senior
G	LARRY MEDICE, Oklahoma	6-04/290	Junior
G	RICK WELLS, Iowa State	6-03/257	Senior
QB	DARIAN HAGAN, Colorado	5-10/185	Soph.
RB	MICHAEL JONES, Missouri	6-02/211	Junior
RB	*GLYN MILBURN, Oklahoma	5-09/170	Soph.
RB	TOMMIE STOWERS, Missouri	6-03/225	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MIKE MURRAY, Nebraska	5-10/240	Senior
DL	BRANDON COLBERT, Oklahoma State	6-02/260	Junior
DL	MAURICE HENRY, Kansas State	6-00/220	Senior
DL	STACEY SATTERWHITE, Oklahoma State	6-06/255	Soph.
DL	JOE SIMS, Nebraska	6-04/285	Junior
LB	FRANK BLEVINS, Oklahoma	6-04/228	Junior
LB	CHRIS CALIENDO, Nebraska	6-03/240	Senior
LB	MICHAEL JONES, Colorado	6-00/230	Senior
LB	MIKE SHANE, Iowa State	6-02/210	Senior
DB	TIM BAKER, Iowa State	6-02/192	Senior
DB	DERAL BOYKIN, Kansas	5-10/195	Soph.
DB	MARCUS MILLER, Kansas State	5-11/180	Senior
DB	BRUCE PICKENS, Nebraska	5-11/185	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	R.D. LASHAR, Oklahoma	5-11/185	Junior
P	B.J. LOHSEN, Kansas	6-03/225	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


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Manning


Satterwhite


Boykin

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Clark, Nebraska	232	1497	6.5	124.8
Bieniemy, Colorado	219	1243	5.7	124.3
Stowers, Missouri	143	667	4.7	60.6
Flannigan, Colorado	88	522	5.9	52.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Gundy, Oklahoma St.	236	153	2163	158.2
Oberg, Iowa St.	179	99	1360	113.4
Donohoe, Kansas	258	131	1844	112.2
Straw, Kansas St.	358	191	1947	97.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Gundy, Okla. St.	-42	2163	2121	192.8
Straw, Kan. St.	-194	1947	1753	175.3
Donohoe, Kansas	-69	1844	1775	161.4
Oberg, Iowa St.	52	1360	1412	128.4

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Washington, Kan. St.	69	928	13.4	6.27
Friedrich, Kansas St.	31	288	9.3	2.82
Smith, Kansas	30	426	14.2	2.73
Busch, Iowa St.	27	343	12.7	2.45

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Blanchard, Okla. St.	0	67	11	100	9.1
Bieniemy, Colorado	10	2	0	62	6.2
Clark, Nebraska	12	2	0	74	6.2
Shudak, Iowa St.	0	19	12	55	5.0
Jacke, Missouri	0	26	8	50	5.0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Lohsen, Kansas	55	2254	41.0
Johnston, Iowa St.	58	2288	39.4
Michalski, Missouri	65	2425	37.3

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Milburn, Oklahoma	22	119	0	5.4
Robertson, Iowa St.	14	60	0	4.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Nelson, Colorado	12	265	0	22.1
Scott, Kansas St.	13	247	0	19.0
Johnson, Iowa St.	15	238	0	15.9

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Shudak, Iowa St.	17	12	.706	1.09
Blanchard, Okla. St.	12	11	.917	1.00
Jacke, Missouri	11	8	.727	.80
Barrios, Nebraska	9	6	.667	.67

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Jones, Missouri	6	84	0	.55
Thompson, Oklahoma	6	42	0	.55
Herds, Kansas St.	4	37	0	.36

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Nebraska	7	0	0	11	2	0
Oklahoma	6	1	0	9	3	0
Oklahoma State	5	2	0	10	2	0
Colorado	4	3	0	8	4	0
Iowa State	3	4	0	5	6	0
Missouri	2	5	0	3	7	1
Kansas	1	6	0	1	10	0
Kansas State	0	7	0	0	11	0

stands, Thompson symbolized the school's plight. Even now, his absence signals a new era of Sooner football. Gone is the basic wishbone, the emblem of Oklahoma pride for years. In comes the "I-wish," a power-I offense that combines some wishbone with some passing and borrows a few ideas from the style Notre Dame plays with quarterback Tony Rice.

The Sooners, however, don't have a Rice. What they have are three quarterbacks who are partly qualified for the job but none who has the combination of necessities. Sophomore Chris Melson has the only game experience of the three. Freshman Steve Collins has the height (6-2) and arm for the position. Freshman Tink Collins has the speed and quickness but not the arm.

Switzer and offensive coordinator Jim Donnan will sort through the candidates this fall. Their immediate concern was fine-tuning the offense to fit halfback Mike Gaddis, who rushed for 516 yards as a freshman last season. Switzer predicts he'll be the conference's best back in 1989. Fullback Leon Perry, who missed spring practice due to foot surgery, also will play a big part in an offense designed to spread defenses that have ganged up on Oklahoma quarterbacks in recent years.

"Everything revolved too much around whether the quarterback had a great game or not, him making two or three decisions on every play," Donnan said. "You play 70 or 80 plays a game. That really puts a burden on a guy. It's kind of comforting once in a while to hand off to somebody."

The Sooner line, led by tackles Mark VanKeirsbilck and Terron Manning, has game experience but needs playing experience in the areas that will prove critical come fall: pass-blocking and holding blocks in the I-formation. The passing game progressed slowly in the spring, but Switzer liked the way speedsters Glyn Milburn and Rod Fisher broke open out of a new wingback position.

Oklahoma's defense, which went through a transition period a year ago, now is the most solid part of the team. The Sooner line ranks as the best in the Big Eight with the likes of noseguard Dante Williams, tackle Scott Evans and end James Goode.

"Before we lost Charles Thompson, I thought we would be a 10-0 team next season going to Nebraska," Switzer said. "We still have a chance to do that. But there will be a lot of tossup games. If we win, it's going to be close. It's going to be different."

MISSOURI

Coach: Bob Stull (first year at Missouri; 31-27 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 3-7-1. Big Eight: 2-5/6th.
Key losses: Carl Bax, OT; Darryl Darling, DT; Craig Lammers, WR; A.J. Miller, LB (knee injury in spring); Pat Ray, CB; Steve Vandegrift, DE; Curtis Wilson, C.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Tim Bruton, TE, 6-4/245, Jr.; Smiley Elmore, HB, 5-9/202, Sr.; Jay Greenwood, G, 6-4/290, Sr.; Michael Jones, TB, 6-2/211, Jr.; Andy Lock, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; Pete Scott, G, 6-4/276, Sr.; John Stollenwerck, QB, 6-0/199, Sr.; Tommie Stowers, FB, 6-3/225, Sr. **Defense (7):** Lee Johnson, T, 6-1/275, Sr.; Adrian Jones, CB, 6-0/181, Sr.; Darren MacDonald, LB, 6-1/204, Sr.; Charles Murphy, S, 6-1/198, Sr.; Brian Reeves, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Otis Smith, CB, 5-11/182, Sr. (switched from S); Kevin White, T, 6-4/267, Sr.
Key returnees: Terry Boykin, CB, Soph.; (switched from RB); Jerold Fletcher, LB, Jr. (RS/medical); Chris Hall, FB, Soph.; Jeff Harper, NG, Jr.; Jeff Jacke, K, Soph.; Skip Leach, FL, Soph. (switched from QB); Tom Reiner, LB, Soph.; Charles Quint, WR, Soph.; (switched from RB); Tony VanZant, WR, Jr. (switched from RB); Ron Walters, LB, Jr. (suspended in spring/disciplinary reasons); David Washington, OG, Sr.; Sharron Washington, S, Soph.; Jim White, TB, Sr.; Dan Wright, OT, Soph.
Top newcomers: Jimmy Collins, FB (transfer/Illinois); Linzy Collins, WR (JC); Stacy Elliott, LB (RS); Leon Fisher, S (transfer/Illinois); Brad Funk, C (RS); Mario Johnson, DT (Prop 48); Kent Kiefer, QB (JC); Damon Mays, FL (JC); Russ McCullough, OT (transfer/Alabama); Mike Ringgenberg, LB (RS); Jermaine Wilkins, CB (RS).
Schedule: Texas Christian, Sept. 9; at Indiana, Sept. 16; Miami (Fla.), Sept. 23; at Arizona State, Sept. 30; at Colorado, Oct. 7; Nebraska, Oct. 14; at Kansas State, Oct. 21; Oklahoma State, Oct. 28; at Oklahoma, Nov. 4; Iowa State, Nov. 11; Kansas, Nov. 18.
Site: Columbia, Mo.



In Missouri's new pro-style offense, tight end Tim Bruton likely will double his team-high 26 catches of a year ago.

Ol' Mizzou hasn't had a winning season since 1983, and new Coach Bob Stull didn't make any foolhardy promises his first day on the job. "We'll win one game next year," he said at a December press conference announcing his hiring. He didn't say which one.

In five seasons as a collegiate coach, Stull has turned around beleaguered programs at both Massachusetts and Texas-El Paso. "We work hard at trying to be balanced," Stull said. "But ... anybody who's been around us before knows we're going to throw it a lot."

Call it a radical step in one year from deposed coach Woody Widenhofer's flexbone, which was good for nearly 250 rushing yards per game last season but stopped itself as often as opponents did. Stull has holdover talent and speed to work into his pro formation with Tommie Stowers at fullback and Michael Jones at tailback.

Missouri fans were writing in Kent Kiefer, a junior college transfer, at quarterback until incumbent John Stollenwerck adapted to the pro-style offense more quickly and emerged as the No. 1 man in the spring. Tight end Tim Bruton likely will double his team-high 26 catches of a year ago, but the Tigers have little experience at wide receiver, where Stull moved several of the former flexbone backs.

The Tigers' defense, finally looking good after a tumultuous four years under Widenhofer, suffered a blow when outside linebacker A.J. Miller was lost probably for the season to a knee injury suffered in the annual spring scrimmage. Missouri now is weaker between a solid front led by tackles Kevin White and Lee Johnson and an experienced secondary anchored by corners Adrian Jones and Otis Smith.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Coach: Pat Jones (44-15, 5 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (beat Wyoming in Holiday Bowl). Big Eight: 5-2/3rd.
Key losses: David Bailey, DE; John Boisvert, C; Hart Lee Dykes, SE; Melvin Gilliam, CB; Jason Kidder, OG; Garrett Limbrick, FB; Barry Sanders, TB; Chris Stanley, C; Mike Wolfe, OT; Byron Woodard, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (3): Jarrod Green, FL, 6-1/200, Sr.; Mike Gundy, QB, 6-0/185, Sr.; Vance Vice, TE, 6-5/247, Sr. **Defense (9):** Mike Clark, CB, 5-10/175, Soph.; Brandon Colbert, T, 6-2/260, Jr.; Torrance Cummings, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Sim Drain III, LB, 6-0/221, Sr.; Jay Fleischman, S, 5-10/190, Soph.; Devin Jones, E, 6-1/212, Jr.; Ruben Oliver, NG, 5-10/250, Jr.; Stacey Satterwhite, T, 6-6/255, Soph.; Rod Smith, S, 6-1/203, Sr.
Key returnees: Cary Blanchard, K/P, Jr.; Vernon Brown, TB, Jr.; Brent Davis, OG, Sr.; Gerald Hudson, TB, Jr.; Jason Juhl, CB, Sr.; Lee Keith, SE, Soph.; Joe King, CB, Soph.; Shawn Mackey, DT, Jr.; Curtis Mayfield, SE, Jr.; Brent Parker, FL, Jr.; Bobby Raynor, LB, Soph.; Cecil Wilson, FB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Mike Walker, TE (RS; switched from LB).
Schedule: At Tulsa, Sept. 9; at Ohio State, Sept. 16; Texas Tech, Sept. 23; Wyoming, Sept. 30; at Oklahoma, Oct. 7; Kansas State, Oct. 14; Nebraska, Oct. 21; at Missouri, Oct. 28; at Kansas, Nov. 4; Colorado, Nov. 11; Iowa State, Nov. 18.
Site: Stillwater, Okla.

Consider the mess in Stillwater: a three-year ban on bowl participation, a Heisman Trophy winner bolted for the pros and an entire offensive line depleted. So why is Coach Pat Jones still around to blow a whistle in the heat of an Oklahoma August?

Because these players went through spring drills as if the Orange Bowl were on the line. And that's good enough for

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Jones.

"We're not trying to make a cause out of this deal here, but these guys have won 20 games in two years," Jones said. "I do think they know what it takes to win. . . ."

Senior quarterback Mike Gundy is the little big man who finally stands atop the Big Eight with Jamelle Holieway and Steve Taylor gone. Gundy needs to throw for just 617 yards to become the Big Eight's all-time passing leader (surpassing Frank Seurer) and accumulate 877 yards in total offense to eclipse Phil Bradley's conference mark. He should do both, even without All-America Hart Lee Dykes to throw to and the absence of Sanders' running threat.

Other Cowboys should emerge from the long shadow cast by the two former Oklahoma State stars: tailback Gerald Hudson, who Jones said is "physically stronger" than Sanders, and receivers Jarrod Green and Curtis Mayfield.

Jones isn't agonizing over his totally new offensive line, which saw fourth-quarter duty last season to give the regulars on the nation's top-scoring offense a breather. Last year's No. 10 individual scorer in Division I-A, kicker/punter Cary Blanchard, returns after booting 67 straight extra points in 1988 to set a single-season NCAA record.

You could say the Cowboys' defense is unproven after giving up 4,999 yards (454.5 per game) and 327 points (29.7) over the regular schedule last season. Players such as tackles Brandon Colbert and Stacey Satterwhite are a year older and wiser, but the key to success will be the new multiple set Jones will use out of the 5-2. It's a more aggressive style that will spring folks like Sim Drain III, the linebacker who was voted defensive player of the game in the 63-14 Holiday Bowl win over Wyoming.

IOWA STATE

Coach: Jim Walden (8-14, 2 years; 52-65-4 overall, 11 years).
1988 record: 5-6. Big Eight: 3-4/5th.
Key losses: Eddie Brown, WR; Ray Carreathers, CB; Jeff Dole, DB; Joe Henderson, RB; David Heyn, C; Anthony Hoskins, LB; Al Patten, DT; Dennis Ross, WR; Curtis Warren, RB.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Mike Busch, TE, 6-5/252, Sr.; Bret Oberg, QB, 6-1/195, Sr.; Keith Sims, OL, 6-4/300, Sr.; Trent Van Hoosen, G, 6-4/244, Sr.; Gene Williams, T, 6-2/310, Jr. **Defense (7):** Tim Baker, S, 6-2/192, Sr.; Randy Bern, E, 6-4/250, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Don Edwards, T, 6-3/230, Sr.; Mark Foley, E, 6-3/240, Jr.; Robert Lendino, LB, 6-3/226, Sr.; Marcus Robertson, CB, 6-0/190, Jr.; Mike Shane, LB, 6-2/210, Sr. (missed spring/knee).
Key returnees: Tyrone Davis, LB, Soph.; Randono Johnson, CB, Soph. (switched from WR); Judge Johnston, P, Sr.; Edwin Jones, RB, Soph. (RS/knee); Casey Martinez, S, Jr. (RS/medical); Chris Mussman, C, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Phil Navarro, DT, Jr. (RS/medical; switched from LB); Gary Pedersen, TE, Soph. (switched from FB); Jeff Shudak, K, Jr.; Charles Vondra, LB, Sr. (broke thumb in spring); Rick Wells, OG, Sr. (RS/medical).
Top newcomers: Blaise Bryant, RB (JC); Andrew Buggs, CB (RS; shoulder injury in spring); Melvin Coleman, LB (JC); Matt Fauser, WR (RS); Steve Lester, WR (JC); Chris Spencer, WR (RS); Dan Watkins, LB; Sherman Williams, RB/DB.
Schedule: Ohio, Sept. 9; Minnesota, Sept. 16; Iowa, Sept. 23; at Tulane, Sept. 30; at Kansas, Oct. 7; Colorado, Oct. 14; Oklahoma, Oct. 21; at Nebraska, Oct. 28; Kansas State, Nov. 4; at Missouri, Nov. 11; at Oklahoma State, Nov. 18.
Site: Ames, Ia.

At Iowa State, Coach Jim Walden yapped so much about being victimized by a lack of numbers and scholarships that it was easy to overlook what he was doing about it on the field. Maybe that's the way the cagey veteran wants it: Feel sorry for the crusader and his vagabonds, and watch them burn you.

It wasn't exactly automatic, but the 1988 Cyclones did finish 5-6, a surprising record for a program still feeling the effects of NCAA sanctions left from the previous regime. Walden outdistanced the other have-nots in the Big Eight because of a talented offensive line, which is back virtually intact in 1989 and led by 300-pound Keith Sims, who may switch from guard to center this season.

Walden also has top-rated talent in all-conference kicker Jeff Shudak and tight end Mike Busch, the Cyclones' second-leading receiver last year and a hard-hitting first baseman on the school's baseball team. Bret Oberg returns at quarterback to pick up an offense that ranked last in the Big Eight in '88.

The Iowa State defense should only get better with seven returning starters, including three anchors in linebacker Mike Shane, safety Tim Baker and tackle Don Edwards. If anyone—such as newcomer Blaise Bryant (more than 1,600 yards rushing on the junior college level in 1988)—can fill the void left by Joe Henderson at running back, a healthy Iowa State team could crack the .500 level.

"I'd like to beat the same people we did last year and then somebody else," Walden said. "That's all I'd ask for—and that's asking for a lot. . . ."

KANSAS STATE

Coach: Bill Snyder (first year at Kansas State).
1988 record: 0-11. Big Eight: 0-7/8th.
Key losses: Tom Dillon, TB; Rob Goode, NG; Jim Oehm, DT; Lee Pickett, FB; Alan Smith, DT; Russ Stange, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Chad Faulkner, G, 6-2/270, Sr.; Alan Friedrich, TE, 6-4/230, Sr.; Frank Hernandez, WR, 5-11/180, Soph.; Will McCain, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Carl Straw, QB, 6-1/215, Jr.; Greg Washington, WR, 5-10/155, Sr.; Paul Yniquez, C, 6-3/280, Sr.; Eric Zabelin, G, 6-2/280, Sr. **Defense (8):** Elijah Alexander, E, 6-3/215, Soph.; Erick Harper, S, 6-1/210, Sr.; Maurice Henry, E, 6-0/220, Sr. (switched from LB); Tyreese Herds, CB, 5-11/200, Sr.; Marcus Miller, S, 5-11/180, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Danny Needham, E, 6-0/200, Jr.; William Price, CB, 6-10/190, Soph.; Lorne Whittle, LB, 6-2/200, Sr.
Key returnees: David Brooks, WR, Soph. (RS/medical); Chris Cobb, QB, Jr.; Curtis Madden, FB, Soph.; James Enin-Okut, LB, Jr. (switched from DE); Bobby Lawrence,

Who'll Fill B. Sanders' Shoes?



Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones is taking a "Don't worry, be happy" approach to losing Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Barry Sanders to the pros.

"When the Big Eight Skywriters were here last year, the great discussion was, 'How in the world are you going to replace Thurman Thomas?' " Jones recalled with a smile. "Well, I sort of winked and said we'd find somebody. And I think we did a pretty good job of that."



Gerald Hudson

The somebody, of course, was Sanders, who broke or tied 24 NCAA records, including most yards rushing (2,628) and touchdowns (39) in a season. Sanders had succeeded Thomas, who still is the Cowboys' career rushing leader with 5,004 yards. And Thomas had replaced Ernest Anderson, who was the nation's leading rusher as a junior in 1982.

At Oklahoma State, the beat goes on. Up next for the Cowboys is junior Gerald Hudson, who at 5-foot-10 and 201 pounds is two inches taller and four pounds heavier than Sanders. Though Sanders ran 40 yards in 4.39 seconds for pro scouts last spring, Hudson may be quicker and faster, and he bench presses about 350 pounds.

"Gerald can make people miss him, and he's strong enough to run through tackles," Jones said. "He's not average."

Hudson got enough playing time last season to become the team's second-leading rusher with 369 yards on 47 carries (7.9 average). Hudson even joined Sanders in the NCAA record book: Most yards rushing by two players, same team, season (2,997).

Hudson, who sat out the 1986 season as a Proposition 48 casualty, will be used at tailback along with junior Vernon Brown.

"We're thin, depthwise, with returning players at tailback," Jones said. "But we're not without ability. I think that was obvious in the spring. We've got some ability with Brown and Hudson, and they're both getting better every day."

—BOB HERSOM

SCOUTING THE BIG EIGHT

Best non-televised game of the year: Nebraska vs. Oklahoma, November 18, at Nebraska. Why should college football fans pay for the Sooners' cheating ways? Televise the game and make the Sooners donate their loot to charity.

Best addition: Bill Snyder, coach, Kansas State. It's about time something encouraging happened to the Wildcats. Not only is Snyder one of the game's brightest strategic coaches, but he also has brought along the best football staff ever to set up shop in Manhattan. Snyder should have these have-nots competing for a first-division finish within three years.

Best addition, runner-up: Bob Stull, coach, Missouri. If he can make it in El Paso, he can make it anywhere.

Most underrated players: Tim Bruton, TE, Missouri, and Otis Smith, CB, Missouri. Bruton is a definite pro-type player who will excel in Stull's new offense. Smith, when healthy, was a force in the secondary. Tom Osborne and Barry Switzer can attest to that.

Worst team: Kansas. And not just in the Big Eight. The Jayhawks are so far down, they have to look up at a snake's belly. Glen Mason, one of the game's finest young coaches, got stuck with the worst Division I-A team in the country.

Best homecoming opponent: Kansas. Give your alumni a winner.

Best game: Colorado vs. Nebraska, November 4, at Colorado. While the Oklahoma-Nebraska matchup is always entertaining, the best contest in 1989 will take place in Boulder. This game will be the biggest of the decade for both the Buffaloes and Coach Bill McCartney.

Best eater: Keith Sims, C/T/G, Iowa State. The 6-foot-4 Sims recently tipped the scales at about 300 pounds, and the Cyclones are trying to find a home for him on the offensive line. Aren't there any pro hockey teams that would just love to stick him in front of their goal and dare Gretzky to get the puck past this behemoth?

Best athletic director: Bob Devaney, Nebraska. Why? Check out the Huskers' schedule.

Best newcomer: Brad Funk, C, Missouri. Remember Brad Edelman? He left Columbia a few years ago as the best center ever to have donned the Tiger uniform. That's about to change.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
NEBRASKA	B	B+	A	B	B	B–	B–
COLORADO	A	B	C+	B	A	B–	B–
OKLAHOMA	B+	B	C	A	B–	B–	B
MISSOURI	C	B	C	C	C–	B–	C–
OKLAHOMA STATE	C–	C+	C+	C	C	C	C+
IOWA STATE	C+	C–	C–	C–	C	C	C
KANSAS STATE	D+	D+	C	D+	D–	C	F
KANSAS	D	D	D	D	D–	D	D–

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

NG/T, Jr.; Rick Mears, OT, Jr.; Dimitrie Scott, CB, Sr.; Gary Swim, QB, Sr. (RS/foot); Paul Watson, QB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Richard Boyd, TB (walk-on); Marcus Moss, RB; Gilbert Moxley, DT (JC); Eric Wetherington, P (transfer/North Carolina); Anthony Williams, DT (JC).
Schedule: At Arizona State, Sept. 9; Northern Iowa, Sept. 16; Northern Illinois, Sept. 23; North Texas, Sept. 30; at Nebraska, Oct. 7; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 14; Missouri, Oct. 21; Kansas, Oct. 28; at Iowa State, Nov. 4; at Oklahoma, Nov. 11; Colorado, Nov. 18.
Site: Manhattan, Kan.

Last December, newly hired Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder welcomed the opportunity to direct "the biggest turnaround in college football history." A few months later, Snyder was in a state of disbelief following his first spring practice. "I have never been in a situation where a group of individuals expect so little of themselves," he said.

Welcome to Kansas State, Bill, home of a football program that is winless in its last 27 contests.

Snyder, who coached the likes of Chuck Long and Chuck Hartlieb as the offensive coordinator at Iowa, will try to put together the grandiose passing game that never got off the ground under Stan Parrish. His tools include four returning starters on the line and the league's top returning receiver in Greg Washington, whose 69 catches were good for 928 yards in 1988. Quarterback Carl Straw, who passed for 1,947 yards last season, will get competition from Paul Watson, who is coming off shoulder surgery, and Gary Swim, sidelined most of last year with a foot injury.

At a time when Kansas State's budget and attendance continue to wither, Snyder needs to provide hope. The reality is that most everyone returns from a defense that ranked next-to-last (only Kansas was worse) in Division I-A last fall.

KANSAS

Coach: Glen Mason (1-10, 1 year; 13-20 overall, 3 years).
1988 record: 1-10. Big Eight: 1-6/7th.
Key losses: Tony Barker, LB; Dave Grattan, OG; Rodney Harris, DB; Curtis Moore, LB (will miss '89/knee); Peda Samuel, DB; Willie Vaughn, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (9): John Baker, TE, 6-3/230, Sr.; Chip Budde, C, 6-2/265, Jr.; Kelly Donohoe, QB, 6-0/187, Sr.; Frank Hatchett, TB, 5-10/195, Jr.; Smith Holland, G, 6-3/260, Soph.; Bill Hundelt, T, 6-6/270, Sr.; Chris Perez, T, 6-5/280, Soph.; Roger Robben, FB, 6-0/220, Soph. (switched to LB); Quintin Smith, WR, 5-11/176, Sr. **Defense (7):** Deral Boykin, S, 5-10/195, Soph.; Paul Friday, LB, 6-3/200, Soph.; Mark Koncz, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Dan Newbrough, LB, 6-1/228, Sr.; Matt Nolen, NG, 5-9/243, Soph.; Doug Terry, CB, 5-11/177, Soph.; Dave Walton, T, 6-7/255, Jr.
Key returnees: Kenny Drayton, WR, Soph.; Lance Flachsbarth, LB, Soph.; Brad Fleeman, K, Sr.; David Gordon, DT, Jr.; Maurice Hooks, FB, Jr.; B.J. Lohsen, P, Sr.; Jason Priest, S, Soph.; Tony Sands, TB, Soph.; Jason Tyrer, LB, Soph.; Paul Zaffaroni, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Gilbert Brown, DT; Alex Chaffetz, K (RS); Dwayne Chandler, TB; Mike Hall, NG (JC); Scott Imwalle, OG (RS); John Henry Johnson, TB (Prop 48); Tracy Liggett, DT; Kyle Moore, FB; Gary Oatis, DT (JC); Ron Page, QB (RS); Jason Stallman, TE (RS).
Schedule: Montana State, Sept. 2; Louisville, Sept. 9; Kent State, Sept. 16; at Baylor, Sept. 23; Oklahoma, Sept. 30; Iowa State, Oct. 7; at Colorado, Oct. 21; at Kansas State, Oct. 28; Oklahoma State, Nov. 4; at Nebraska, Nov. 11; at Missouri, Nov. 18.
Site: Lawrence, Kan.

If Kansas can run the ball and the clock, it should keep off the field a defense that last season surrendered an NCAA-record 536 yards a game. Seven starters return from that unit, minus middle linebacker Curtis Moore. The Big Eight leader in tackles last year, Moore is out for the season with a serious knee injury.

No wonder second-year Coach Glen Mason bid his team goodbye from the spring game with the words, "Come back in one piece and we'll be all right."

One of the biggest pieces for Kansas still is quarterback Kelly Donohoe. Despite his critics and team's stature, Donohoe ranked ahead of the likes of Steve Taylor in total offense last year, finishing fourth in the conference with just over 161 yards per game. With the receiving ranks thin, Donohoe's best move this year will be to hand off to Kansas' "Pony Backs"—Tony Sands, Frank Hatchett and Maurice Douglas—and hope for ball control. Last year, Kansas was outscored by an average margin of 45-17. ■

DIVISION I-A

Wolverines set sights on double championship

By STEVE KORNACKI
Detroit Free Press

If you like good, old-fashioned, run-and-hit football, then the Big Ten Conference is the place to be in 1989.

Make no mistake, the Big Ten has some strong-armed quarterbacks. But the spotlight clearly will focus on a talented cast of returning running backs and a hard-hitting contingent of outstanding linebackers.

Seven of the conference's top nine rushers return, including three who ranked among the top seven runners nationally. Indiana's Anthony Thompson, Michigan's Tony Boles and Michigan State's Blake Ezor combined to run for nearly three miles last season and possess the kind of moves that make your mouth water.

The top Big Ten linebackers have pretty good moves of their own.

Minnesota's Jon Leverenz and Ron Goetz, Michigan's J.J. Grant, Alex Marshall and Bobby Abrams, Illinois' Darrick Brownlow, Iowa's Brad Quast, Michigan State's Percy Snow and Carlos Jenkins and Purdue's Darrin Trieb all are terrific athletes who will be filling gaps and battling for national honors.

MICHIGAN

Coach: Bo Schembechler (184-46-5, 20 years; 224-63-8 overall, 26 years).

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **MICHIGAN**
   No Big Ten team comes close to matching the Wolverines' talent.
2. **OHIO STATE**
   Last season's performance was a fluke. The Buckeyes will be playing January 1.
3. **MICHIGAN STATE**
   The Spartans' defense ranks among the best. They lack a top gun on offense.
4. **ILLINOIS**
   George and a solid defense make the Illini's thoughts of Pasadena realistic.
5. **IOWA**
   With an excellent recruiting class, the future is bright. The present is less rosy.
6. **MINNESOTA**
   If both lines improve, the Gophers could finish as high as second.
7. **INDIANA**
   There isn't a better combination in the nation then Schnell and Thompson.
8. **PURDUE**
   The Boilermakers will be much better this year and will contend by '91.
9. **NORTHWESTERN**
   As long as Peay is in charge, the Wildcats will remain competitive.
10. **WISCONSIN**
    It will be a miracle if the Badgers don't have a new coach in '90.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.



Split end Greg McMurtry heads a strong Michigan receiving corps.

1988 record: 9-2-1 (beat Southern Cal in Rose Bowl). Big Ten: 7-0-1/1st.
Key losses: David Arnold, CB; Jeff Brown, TE; Mike Gillette, K/P; Mike Husar, OT; John Kolesar, FL; Mark Messner, DT; John Vitale, C.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Tony Boles, TB, 6-1/190, Jr.; Dean Dingmam, G, 6-3/280, Jr.; Tom Dohring, T, 6-7/277, Jr. (shoulder injury in spring); Leroy Hoard, FB, 6-0/215, Jr.; Greg McMurtry, SE, 6-3/197, Sr.; Greg Skrepenak, T, 6-8/322, Jr.; Michael Taylor, QB, 6-0/202, Sr. (hand injury in spring). **Defense (9):** Bobby Abrams, LB, 6-4/221, Sr.; Erick Anderson, LB, 6-3/215, Jr.; J.J. Grant, LB, 6-1/234, Sr.; David Key, CB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Alex Marshall, LB, 6-4/235, Soph.; Vada Murray, S, 6-4/185, Jr.; T.J. Osman, MG, 6-3/263, Jr.; Tripp Welborne, S, 6-1/193, Jr.; Brent White, T, 6-5/248, Sr.
Key returnees: Demetrius Brown, QB, Sr. (broke hand in spring); Jarrod Bunch, FB, Jr.; Chris Calloway, FL, Jr.; Lance Dottin, CB, Soph.; Matt Elliott, C, Soph.; John Herrmann, DT, Sr.; Allen Jefferson, TB, Jr.; Warde Manuel, DT, Jr.; John Milligan, LB, Jr.; Todd Plate, CB, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Marc Ramirez, OG, Jr.; Neil Simpson, LB, Soph.; Marc Spencer, LB, Jr.; Mike Teeter, MG, Sr.; Derrick Walker, TE, Sr.; Otis Williams, S, Soph.; Tim Williams, LB, Jr.; Tracy Williams, TB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Desmond Howard, SE (RS); Doug Skene, OT (RS); Sylvester Stanley, DT; Chris Stapleton, P/K; Jon Vaughn, TB (RS).
Schedule: Notre Dame, Sept. 16; at UCLA, Sept. 23; Maryland, Sept. 30; Wisconsin, Oct. 7; at Michigan State, Oct. 14; at Iowa, Oct. 21; Indiana, Oct. 28; Purdue, Nov. 4; at Illinois, Nov. 11; at Minnesota, Nov. 18; Ohio State, Nov. 25.
Site: Ann Arbor, Mich.

Sure, Bo Schembechler wants to win the Big Ten championship. But you can't blame Michigan's coach and athletic director for setting his sights a little higher. Like a national championship, the kind he watched the Wolverine basketball team win last April.

"Steve Fisher (Michigan's basketball coach) has given us something to shoot for," Schembechler said at a basketball postseason awards banquet. "Maybe, just maybe, we can carry it over to the fall of 1989 and win the national championship."

Schembechler has never coached Michigan to a national championship or back-to-back outright Big Ten titles. But this team, his 21st at Michigan, could challenge for both. The last conference team to win consecutive outright titles was Michigan State in 1965 and '66.

Michigan's defensive front seven can match up with any team in football and the Wolverines' skill-position talent pool is overflowing. The offense features a two-deep quarterback combination and an abundance of quick, powerful backs.

Michael Taylor and Demetrius Brown will battle for the starting quarterback job. Taylor started Michigan's first nine games last season before suffering a broken collarbone against Minnesota. Brown stepped in and guided the Wolverines to regular-season-ending victories over Illinois and Ohio State and a 22-14 Rose Bowl triumph over Southern Cal.

The lefthanded Brown, who should be back at full strength after breaking a bone in his throwing hand in spring practice, had questioned his football future after throwing a school-record 16 interceptions in 1987. But he was not picked off once last year.

Boles (at tailback) and Leroy Hoard (at fullback) form the league's most deadly running tandem. Boles finished fourth in the nation last season with 1,359 yards, while Hoard rushed for 639 yards and was named the Rose Bowl's most valuable player.

If anything should happen to Boles or Hoard, no problem. Fullback Jarrod Bunch is a top-notch talent, as are tailbacks Allen Jefferson, Jon Vaughn and Tracy Williams.

Split end Greg McMurtry, flanker Chris Calloway and tight end Derrick Walker form a strong receiving corps, although redshirt freshman Desmond (Magic) Howard will push the wideouts for playing time. Two positions on the line will draw a lot of attention, but returning tackles Tom Dohring and Greg Skrepenak and guard Dean Dingman form a solid base.

Defensive tackle Mark Messner is the lone starter gone from a front seven that includes noseguard T.J. Osman, tackles John Herrmann and Brent White and linebackers Alex Marshall, Bobby Abrams, J.J. Grant and Erick Anderson.

Cornerback David Key and strong safety Tripp Welborne are All-America hopefuls, and Vada Murray started every game last season at free safety.

The one chink in Michigan's armor could be its kicking game. Gone is Mike Gillette, who holds the all-time Michigan and Big Ten scoring records for a kicker. Gillette handled all of the Wolverines'



Ohio State quarterback Greg Frey threw for 2,028 yards last season.

punting, extra-point and field-goal duties.

The Wolverines will be tested early. They open the season September 16 against defending national champion Notre Dame at Ann Arbor and then play the following week at UCLA.

OHIO STATE

Coach: John Cooper (4-6-1, 1 year; 85-47-3 overall, 12 years).
1988 record: 4-6-1. Big Ten: 2-5-1/T7th.
Key losses: John Kacherski, LB (will miss '89/knee); Derek MacCready, DE; Bill Matlock, FB; Michael McCray, LB; John Sullivan, LB; Mike Sullivan, NG; Jeff Uhlenhake, C; Greg Zackeroff, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Jeff Davidson, G, 6-6/300, Sr.; Jeff Ellis, TE, 6-4/245, Jr.; Greg Frey, QB, 6-2/195, Jr.; Jeff Graham, SE, 6-2/185, Jr.; Tim Moxley, T, 6-7/300, Sr.; Bobby Olive, FL, 6-0/150, Jr.; Carlos Snow, TB, 5-9/200, Jr.; Joe Staysniak, T, 6-5/290, Sr. **Defense (7):** David Brown, S, 6-0/180, Jr.; Vinnie Clark, CB, 6-2/186, Jr.; Ken Coleman, T, 6-2/255, Jr.; Orlondo Craig, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Zack Dumas, S, 6-2/190, Sr.; Jim Peel, S, 5-11/196, Jr.; Srecko Zizakovic, DE, 6-6/250, Sr. (switched from LB).
Key returnees: Andrew Gurd, LB, Soph. (RS/medical); Marc Hicks, WR, Sr. (missed spring/wrist); Derek Isaman, LB, Sr.; Jay Koch, LB, Soph. (switched from FL); Pat O'Morrow, K, Sr.; Mike Showalter, DT, Jr. (missed 8 games in '88/ankle).
Top newcomers: Mark Bean, DT; Greg Beatty, WR (RS); Nick Cochran, QB (RS); Derrick Foster, DL (RS); Tony Goodgame, RB (RS); Roger Harper, WR; Kirk Herbstreit, QB (RS); Buster Howe, DB (Prop 48); Brent Johnson, LB (RS; switched from RB); Tyrone Morrison, LB; Corey Pargo, DL (Prop 48); Chris Roy, TE (RS/medical); Rod Smith, C; Alonzo Spellman, LB.
Schedule: Oklahoma State, Sept. 16; at Southern Cal, Sept. 23; Boston College, Sept. 30; at Illinois, Oct. 7; Indiana, Oct. 14; Purdue, Oct. 21; at Minnesota, Oct. 28; at Northwestern, Nov. 4; Iowa, Nov. 11; Wisconsin, Nov. 18; at Michigan, Nov. 25.
Site: Columbus, O.

Will the real Buckeyes please stand up?

Ohio State recorded impressive victories over Syracuse and Louisiana State last season but also was annihilated by Pittsburgh, Illinois and Indiana. The Buckeyes' schizophrenic nature was never more apparent than in their season-closing game against Michigan. Trailing 20-0 at halftime with 76 rushing yards, Ohio State ran for 224 second-half yards and barely lost, 34-31.

"The first half was ... was ... awful," Ohio State Coach John Cooper said. "The second half was quite encouraging. But if you play like that once, you ought to play like that again. We should be consistent."

That stirring comeback wasn't enough to avert the school's first losing record (4-6-1) since 1966, but it did allow Cooper to save face while proving the team could compete with the league's best. That confidence booster, plus a strong returning talent base, should put the Buckeyes in position to challenge for 1989 honors.

Returning on offense are tailback Carlos Snow, quarterback Greg Frey, tight end Jeff Ellis, guard Jeff Davidson and tackle Joe Staysniak. All are potential all-conference performers.

Snow ran for 775 yards last season while finishing third nationally with 27 yards per kickoff return. He's an electrifying runner who complements Frey, a dropback passer who threw for 2,028 yards, and Ellis, who caught 40 passes for 492 yards.

Ohio State's biggest improvement must come from a defense that allowed 25.7 points, 192 rushing yards and 193 passing yards per game. The Buckeyes' young secondary should improve dramatically in 1989, and Cooper should be able to plug losses on the defensive line and at linebacker with a couple of familiar faces.

"Our big question marks are on defense," Cooper said. "Having Derek Isaman back at linebacker will help in terms of mental and physical toughness."

Isaman sat out last season after an unsuccessful tryout for the U.S. Olympic boxing team. A starter on the outside as a sophomore, Isaman will move to the inside and join holdovers Srecko Zizakovic (outside) and Orlondo Craig (inside).

Mike Showalter, a two-year starter at tackle before suffering a season-ending injury last season, returns to anchor the Buckeyes' front line. There's plenty of experience in the secondary with corners Zack Dumas and Vinnie Clark and safeties Jim Peel and David Brown.

Injuries could be Ohio State's downfall. The Buckeyes are thin, and Cooper could be forced to fill in with freshmen, something he would prefer not to do.

Depth may not be a luxury, but placekicker Pat O'Morrow is. O'Morrow connected on 18 of 23 field-goal attempts last season and was perfect on 23 extra points.

MICHIGAN STATE

Coach: George Perles (38-29-3, 6 years).
1988 record: 6-5-1 (lost to Georgia in Gator Bowl). Big Ten: 6-1-1/2nd.
Key losses: Willie Bouyer, FL; John Budde, DE; Rich Gicewicz, TE; Kurt Larson, LB; Tony Mandarich, OT; Dave Martin, C; Bobby McAllister, QB; John Miller, S; Derrick Reed, CB; Jason Ridgeway, DT; Andre Rison, WR; Kevin Robbins, OT; Vince Tata, OG; Bernard Wilson, FL.
Starters returning: Offense (3): Blake Ezor, TB, 5-10/188, Sr.; Bob Kula, T, 6-4/282, Sr. (switched from OG); Steve Montgomery, FB, 6-2/238, Sr. **Defense (6):** Harlon Barnett, CB, 6-0/200, Sr.; Travis Davis, T, 6-3/276, Sr.; Ventson Donelson, CB, 6-0/183, Sr.; Carlos Jenkins, LB, 6-5/213, Jr.; Percy Snow, LB, 6-3/240, Sr.; Matt Vanderbeek, E, 6-4/249, Sr.
Key returnees: Tony Briningstool, LB, Soph. (shoulder injury in spring); Chuck Bullough, LB, Soph.; Josh Butland, P, Soph.; Dixon Edwards, LB, Jr.; Dan Enos, QB, Jr.; Alan Haller, CB, Soph.; Courtney Hawkins, WR, Soph.; Bob Henry, OT, Soph. (RS); Hyland Hickson, TB, Jr.; Mike Iaquaniello, S, Jr.; Jim Johnson, OT, Soph.; Brian Jones, LB, Jr.; John Langeloh, K, Jr.; Eric Moten, OG, Jr.; Corey Pryor, CB, Soph. (switched from TB); Tim Ridinger, DT, Sr.; Scott Selzer, TB, Soph.; Brian Smolinski, SE, Jr.; Chris Soehnlen, DE/DT, Jr.; Jim Szymanski, DE, Sr. (RS/leg); Chris Willertz, DE, Sr.; Duane Young, TE, Jr.
Top newcomers: Matthew Amacker, OT (RS); James Bradley, WR (JC); Tico Duckett, TB (RS); John Gieselman, QB (RS); Brian Howard, WR; Jeff Pearson, C, Jr. (transfer/Notre Dame; switched from OG); James Rollins, DB (JC); Bobby Wilson, DT (JC).
Schedule: Miami (O.), Sept. 16; at Notre Dame, Sept. 23; Miami (Fla.), Sept. 30; at Iowa, Oct. 7; Michigan, Oct. 14; Illinois, Oct. 21; at Purdue, Oct. 28; at Indiana, Nov. 4; Minnesota, Nov. 11; Northwestern, Nov. 18; at Wisconsin, Nov. 25.
Site: East Lansing, Mich.

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PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	RICHARD BUCHANAN, Northwestern	5-11/170	Soph.
WR	*CHRIS GAITERS, Minnesota	6-01/184	Junior
WR	ROB TURNER, Indiana	5-11/186	Junior
TE	JEFF ELLIS, Ohio State	6-04/245	Junior
T	BOB KULA, Michigan State	6-04/282	Senior
T	JOE STAYSNIAK, Ohio State	6-05/290	Senior
C	RON VARGO, Indiana	6-02/274	Senior
G	JASON CEGIELSKI, Purdue	6-02/265	Junior
G	JEFF DAVIDSON, Ohio State	6-06/300	Senior
QB	DAVE SCHNELL, Indiana	6-02/219	Senior
RB	ANTHONY THOMPSON, Indiana	6-00/209	Senior
RB	DARRELL THOMPSON, Minnesota	6-01/220	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MO GARDNER, Illinois	6-02/244	Junior
DL	MEL AGEE, Illinois	6-05/285	Junior
DL	TRAVIS DAVIS, Michigan State	6-03/276	Senior
DL	DONZEL LEGGETT, Purdue	6-05/228	Junior
DL	DON DAVEY, Wisconsin	6-04/249	Senior
LB	J.J. GRANT, Michigan	6-01/234	Senior
LB	JON LEVERENZ, Minnesota	6-03/230	Senior
LB	ALEX MARSHALL, Michigan	6-04/235	Soph.
LB	PERCY SNOW, Michigan State	6-03/240	Senior
DB	HARLON BARNETT, Michigan State	6-00/200	Senior
DB	DAVID KEY, Michigan	5-11/200	Junior
DB	MIKE DUMAS, Indiana	6-00/172	Junior
DB	TRIPP WELBORNE, Michigan	6-01/193	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JOHN LANGELOH, Michigan State	6-02/186	Junior
P	JOSH BUTLAND, Michigan State	6-06/246	Soph.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	GREG McMURTRY, Michigan	6-03/197	Senior
WR	CALVIN WILLIAMS, Purdue	6-00/195	Senior
TE	DERRICK WALKER, Michigan	6-02/246	Senior
T	BRADY PIERCE, Wisconsin	6-07/288	Junior
T	GREG SKREPENAK, Michigan	6-08/322	Junior
C	JEFF PEARSON, Michigan State	6-03/262	Junior
G	DEAN DINGMAN, Michigan	6-03/280	Junior
G	DAVE POSTMUS, Illinois	6-03/298	Junior
QB	JEFF GEORGE, Illinois	6-04/210	Junior
RB	LEROY HOARD, Michigan	6-00/215	Junior
RB	BLAKE EZOR, Michigan State	5-10/188	Senior
RB	*CARLOS SNOW, Ohio State	5-09/200	Junior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	T.J. OSMAN, Michigan	6-03/263	Senior
DL	JOHN HERRMANN, Michigan	6-05/267	Senior
DL	JEFF KOEPPEL, Iowa	6-02/270	Senior
DL	MATT VANDERBEEK, Michigan State	6-04/249	Senior
DL	BRENT WHITE, Michigan	6-05/248	Senior
LB	BOBBY ABRAMS, Michigan	6-04/221	Senior
LB	CARLOS JENKINS, Michigan State	6-05/213	Junior
LB	BRAD QUAST, Iowa	6-02/246	Senior
LB	DARRIN TRIEB, Purdue	6-02/228	Junior
DB	MERTON HANKS, Iowa	6-02/180	Junior
DB	DWIGHT JAMES, Northwestern	6-03/197	Junior
DB	LaMARR WHITE, Wisconsin	5-09/180	Junior
DB	VADA MURRAY, Michigan	6-04/185	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	PAT O'MORROW, Ohio State	5-11/180	Senior
P	BRENT HERBEL, Minnesota	5-10/187	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Gaiters


Staysniak


Davey


Grant


Williams


George


Osman


Vanderbeek

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Thompson, Indiana	329	1546	4.7	140.6
Boles, Michigan	248	1359	5.5	135.9
Ezor, Michigan St.	290	1358	4.7	123.5
Stewart, Iowa	215	1036	4.8	94.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Taylor, Michigan	122	76	957	138.4
Bolyard, Indiana	57	31	401	118.0
Schnell, Indiana	194	103	1499	117.5
Schaffner, Minnesota.	191	106	1234	114.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
George, Illinois	-190	2257	2067	187.9
Frey, Ohio St.	-34	2028	1994	181.3
Schnell, Indiana	318	1499	1817	165.2
Thompson, Indiana.	1546	0	1546	140.6

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Gaiters, Minnesota	42	564	13.4	3.8
Buchanan, N'western.	41	514	12.5	3.7
Ellis, Ohio St.	40	492	12.3	3.6
Williams, Illinois	38	523	13.8	3.5

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Thompson, Indiana.	24	0	0	144	13.1
Langeloh, Mich. St..	0	26	18	80	7.3
O'Morrow, Ohio St..	0	23	18	77	7.0
Hoard, Michigan	9	0	0	54	6.0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Butland, Michigan St.	55	2295	41.7
Sutter, Northwestern	50	2072	41.4
McCarthy, Purdue	79	3212	40.7
Bohlman, Ohio St.	50	1952	39.0

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Gaiters, Minnesota	17	178	1	10.5
Williams, Purdue	29	253	0	8.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Snow, Ohio St.	19	513	1	27.0
Boles, Michigan	12	302	0	25.2
Gaiters, Minnesota	27	612	0	22.7

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Langeloh, Michigan St.	28	20	.714	1.82
O'Morrow, Ohio St.	23	18	.783	1.64
Skillett, Iowa	24	11	.458	.97

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Welborne, Michigan	5	33	0	.45
Murray, Michigan	4	15	0	.36
White, Wisconsin	4	4	0	.36
Quast, Iowa	4	151	1	.33

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Michigan	7	0	1	9	2	1
Michigan State	6	1	1	6	5	1
Iowa	4	1	3	6	4	3
Illinois	5	2	1	6	5	1
Indiana	5	3	0	8	3	1
Purdue	3	5	0	4	7	0
Ohio State	2	5	1	4	6	1
Northwestern	2	5	1	2	8	1
Minnesota	0	6	2	2	7	2
Wisconsin	1	7	0	1	10	0

Just call Michigan State "Team Lazarus." The Spartans started with a 0-4-1 record last year before rebounding to capture six straight victories and second place in the Big Ten. They capped the season by losing to Georgia in the Gator Bowl.

The 1989 Spartans must adjust to life without two of the most highly touted Big Ten players of the decade—offensive tackle Tony Mandarich and wide receiver Andre Rison.

"We liked to see Mandarich and Rison go in the first round (of the National Football League draft)," Coach George Perles said. "Now we are going to bring in what is like a second generation of hungry guys."

Perles will have a lot of mending to do on an offense that was hit hard by graduation. The Spartans averaged 268.8 rushing yards and 27.4 points per game but return only three offensive starters.

Bob Kula, who will switch from left guard to Mandarich's left tackle spot, is the only starter returning from one of the nation's best offensive lines. Nobody other than Rison caught more than 10 passes last season, and junior Dan Enos will take over for Bobby McAllister at quarterback.

"I like his brains," Perles said, referring to Enos. "He reacts to the rush and makes good decisions on rollouts. He's got the passing touch and anticipation."

Enos, like McAllister, is strictly a possession passer. Tailback Blake Ezor is Michigan State's big offensive weapon. He rushed for 1,358 yards (seventh in Division I-A) last year, carrying 44 times for 250 yards and three touchdowns in Michigan State's 38-12 victory over Indiana.

"Pound for pound, Ezor (5-10, 188) is the toughest kid I've ever been around," Perles said. "He runs like he thinks he's Earl Campbell. Blake can be one of the best running backs in the country."

Perles expects sophomore tackle Bob Henry and junior center Jeff Pearson (a transfer from Notre Dame) to step in and provide help up front. Fullback Steve Montgomery returns to open holes for Ezor.

Michigan State should be much stronger defensively. The Spartans, who allowed only 96.5 rushing yards and 9.5 points per game last season, return six starters.

Travis Davis and Matt Vanderbeek anchor a defensive line that will be backed up by such stars as Percy Snow and Carlos Jenkins. Cornerback Harlon Barnett is the key man in a secondary that also includes talented corner Ventson Donelson.

The Spartans boast one of the best kicking games in college football with John Langeloh doing the placekicking and Josh Butland handling the punting.



Tailback Blake Ezor is Michigan State's big offensive weapon.

Starters returning: Offense (8): Doug Amaya, TE, 6-2/217, Jr. (status questionable/academics); Mike Bellamy, SE, 6-1/191, Sr.; Jeff George, QB, 6-4/210, Jr.; Howard Griffith, FB, 5-11/216, Jr.; Curt Lovelace, C, 6-3/262, Jr.; Craig Schneider, T, 6-4/281, Sr.; Tim Simpson, G, 6-3/284, Soph.; Steven Williams, FL, 5-11/163, Sr. **Defense (10):** Mel Agee, T, 6-5/285, Jr.; Romero Brice, LB, 6-3/208, Jr.; Darrick Brownlow, LB, 5-11/239, Jr.; Greg Conradt, LB, 6-3/226, Sr.; Mo Gardner, NT, 6-2/244, Jr.; Steve Glasson, LB, 6-2/221, Sr.; Chris Green, CB, 5-11/182, Jr.; Henry Jones, DB, 6-0/191, Jr.; Marlon Primous, S, 6-2/204, Soph.; John Wachter, T, 6-2/247, Jr.
Key returnees: Patrick Donnelly, S, Jr.; Dan Donovan, TE, Sr.; Jason Guard, LB, Sr.; Doug Higgins, K, Jr.; Gus Palma, WR, Soph.; Dave Postmus, OG, Jr.; Mark Qualls, RB, Soph.; Ken Thomas, RB (RS); Shawn Wax, FL, Jr.; Brian Williams, LB, Sr. (switched from DT).
Top newcomers: Kevin Breaux, P (JC); Jeff Damaske, OG (JC); Steve Feagin, RB; Wagner Lester, RB; James Pepper, OG (JC).
Schedule: Southern California (at Moscow), Sept. 2; at Colorado, Sept. 16; Utah State, Sept. 23; Ohio State, Oct. 7; at Purdue, Oct. 14; at Michigan State, Oct. 21; Wisconsin, Oct. 28; at Iowa, Nov. 4; Michigan, Nov. 11; Indiana, Nov. 18; at Northwestern, Nov. 25.
Site: Champaign, Ill.

Look for the Fighting Illini, fresh off their surprising 6-4-1 record and berth in the All-American Bowl, to do plenty of throwing and pummeling in 1989. Jeff George will take care of the former, while Darrick Brownlow and Mo Gardner will handle the latter.

Brownlow, a fireplug linebacker at 5-11, 239 pounds, led the Big Ten with 155 tackles last season. Gardner made 68 tackles, including eight for losses. Those are unusually high numbers for a nose tackle.

"Mo is especially tough to block one on one and has the great explosion to penetrate," Coach John Mackovic said. "Darrick's ball-diagnosing skills are excellent. He moves to the ball so well."

Brownlow and Gardner, both juniors, head a defense that returns 10 of 11 starters. Tackle Mel Agee and safety Marlon Primous are other impact players on a unit that needs to replace only graduated safety Glenn Cobb.

The strength of this team will be determined by the progress of the lefthanded George. George, a Purdue transfer who threw for 2,257 yards in his first Illini season, is a big-time talent who still is feeling his way along.

"Jeff's not at his peak yet," Mackovic said. "He's getting better at reading and looking for big plays to develop. If he's on top of his game, our opportunity for success is excellent."

Six of last year's top seven receivers will return, including wideouts Mike Bellamy and Steven Williams. The biggest offensive loss was running back Keith Jones, who rushed for 1,108 yards last season and led the Illini with 46 receptions. Mackovic will look to fullback Howard Griffith and halfbacks Ken Thomas and Mark Qualls to fill the void. If they don't, look for freshman recruits Wagner Lester and Steve Feagin to step in.

Center Curt Lovelace will anchor a line that also should include Craig Schneider, Tim Simpson and Dave Postmus.

ILLINOIS

Coach: John Mackovic (6-5-1, 1 year; 20-25-1 overall, 4 years).
1988 record: 6-5-1 (lost to Florida in All-American Bowl). Big Ten: 5-2-1/T3rd.
Key losses: Jon Burman, OT; Glenn Cobb, S; Keith Jones, HB; Mark McGowan, OT; Joe Skubisz, OG.

IOWA

Coach: Hayden Fry (77-40-4, 10 years; 167-129-8 overall, 27 years).
1988 record: 6-4-3 (lost to North Carolina State in Peach Bowl). Big Ten: 4-1-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Mark Adams, P; Mike Burke, DE; Marv Cook, TE; Greg Divis, OL; Dave Haight, NG; Deven Harberts, WR; Chuck Hartlieb, QB; Bob Kratch, OL; Joe Mott, DE; Jim Reilly, LB; Bob Schmitt, OL.

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Starters returning: Offense (5): Bill Anderson, C, 6-3/268, Sr.; Richard Bass, FB, 5-9/220, Sr.; Jeff Croston, T, 6-4/286, Sr.; Sean Smith, WR, 6-1/195, Sr.; Tony Stewart, RB, 6-1/205, Jr. (status questionable/knee). **Defense (6):** Merton Hanks, DB, 6-2/180, Jr.; Jim Johnson, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; Jeff Koeppel, NG, 6-2/270, Sr. (switched from DT); Brad Quast, LB, 6-2/246, Sr.; Brian Wise, DB, 6-2/215, Soph.; Anthony Wright, DB, 5-10/190, Sr.
Key returnees: Nick Bell, RB, Jr.; Greg Brown, DB, Jr.; Rod Davis, NG, Soph.; Jon Filloon, WR, Soph.; Melvin Foster, LB, Jr.; Tork Hook, DB, Sr.; Peter Marciano, WR, Sr.; George Murphy, K, Sr.; John Palmer, TE, Sr.; Tom Poholsky, QB, Sr. (shoulder injury in spring); Jim Poynton, OG, Sr.; Matt Rodgers, QB, Soph.; Moses Santos, DE, Soph.; Mike Saunders, RB, Soph.; Jeff Skillett, K, Soph.; Mark Stoops, DB, Sr.; Travis Watkins, WR, Sr.
Top newcomers: Jim Hartlieb, QB (RS); Marvin Lampkin, TB; Lew Montgomery, FB.
Schedule: Oregon, Sept. 16; at Iowa State, Sept. 23; Tulsa, Sept. 30; Michigan State, Oct. 7; at Wisconsin, Oct. 14; Michigan, Oct. 21; at Northwestern, Oct. 28; Illinois, Nov. 4; at Ohio State, Nov. 11; at Purdue, Nov. 18; Minnesota, Nov. 25.
Site: Iowa City, Ia.

Coach Hayden Fry hopes Murphy's Law has a one-year limit. Whatever could go wrong for Iowa did in a 6-4-3 season that culminated with a 28-23 loss to North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl.

"I never had more than five players operated on in a season, and last year we had 19," Fry said.

Iowa had the best passing attack in the conference last season with Chuck Hartlieb throwing to tight end Marv Cook and wideout Deven Harberts. All three are gone, however, and 1,036-yard rusher Tony Stewart is questionable after major knee surgery.

But Fry isn't singing the blues. He's intrigued with Nick Bell, a rare defensive line-to-tailback convert. And he's comfortable with either Tom Poholsky, Matt Rodgers or Jim Hartlieb, Chuck's brother, at quarterback.

"Nick Bell was a defensive lineman in high school in Las Vegas, and that's what the Pac-10 schools were recruiting him for," Fry said. "But he wanted to run the ball. I said, 'Son, I can arrange that.' We made him a fullback and he went out of his mind. Now he's a 6-3, 255-pound tailback who runs the 40 under 4.6."

If healthy, Stewart and Bell could form a devastating 1-2 punch with Mike Saunders providing depth. They'll be running behind a line that is long on experience but short on stars. Center Bill Anderson is a sure thing, but the rest of the line will be selected from among nine players who have had starting experience.

Travis Watkins, Jon Filloon and Sean Smith should get the majority of playing time at wide receiver, with Cook's replacement at tight end still undecided.

Linebacker Brad Quast (133 tackles and four interceptions), who underwent knee surgery in February, is the heart of the Hawkeye defense. But look for noseguard Jeff Koeppel and backs Merton Hanks and Brian Wise to have a big impact.

"Eleven of the 19 operated on played in the spring and all will probably be back," Fry said. "But we had eight freshmen or redshirt freshmen in our top 22 in the spring. So a lot of young guys got to play, and that will pay off for us by midseason."

Who'll Fill Mandarich's Shoes?



To replace mammoth offensive tackle Tony Mandarich, the Michigan State Spartans need not even look down their depth chart. The heir to Mandarich's throne at left tackle, senior Bob Kula, was playing next to the consensus All-America all last season.

Kula has been the Spartans' starting left guard the last two years. But he will move to tackle, where Mandarich developed into perhaps the greatest offensive line prospect in pro football history, and junior Eric Moten will take Kula's place at left guard.



Bob Kula

"Moten and Kula will be fine on that side," offensive line coach Pat Morris said. "Right now, they're just tuning up. Kula's solid, and Moten will really surprise you."

"Remember," Coach George Perles said, "Kula was half of that left-side team along with Tony. They had quite a deal going. But Bob should be able to handle himself. He was a big-time recruit, and this'll be his third year as a starter."

In fact, the 6-foot-4, 282-pound Kula is being touted as a preseason All-America. He earned second-team All-Big Ten Conference honors a year ago.

"I think a lot had to do with Tony's publicity from last year," Kula said. "People almost had to notice me. But I can't just sit back now and say: 'Hey, I'm an All-America. I don't have to work as hard.'"

If anything, he must work harder. Kula and Moten have started only three games together, those coming while Mandarich was suspended at the start of last season.

"Things are a lot different now," Kula said. "Not just with Tony being gone, but with learning a new position. This year, I'm the one everyone's looking up to."

After all, he is the only returning starter up front. "People are saying our offensive line will be lousy," he said. "I guess that takes some of the pressure off. But I think we should be all right."

—JACK EBLING

MINNESOTA

Coach: John Gutekunst (15-18-2, 4 years).
1988 record: 2-7-2. Big Ten: 0-6-2/T9th.
Key losses: Joel Brown, S; Jason Bruce, FL; Charles McCree, CB; Craig Otto, TE; Trint Trip, DT; Ross Ukkelberg, DT; Brian Williams, C.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Chris Gaiters, SE, 6-1/184, Sr.; Octavius Gould, FB, 6-0/219, Jr.; J.J. Lennon, G, 6-2/271, Sr.; Dan Liimatta, T, 6-6/280, Sr.; Jon Melander, T, 6-7/265, Sr.; Scott Schaffner, QB, 6-2/186, Soph.; Chris Thome, C, 6-5/260, Jr. (switched from OG); Darrell Thompson, TB, 6-1/220, Sr. **Defense (7):** Skeeter Akre, E, 6-6/230, Jr.; Ron Goetz, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.; Sean Lumpkin, S, 6-1/199, Soph.; Joel Staats, LB, 6-3/231, Soph.; Mac Stephens, LB, 6-3/217, Sr.; Mike Sunvold, E, 6-4/250, Jr.; Andre Thaddies, CB, 6-0/186, Soph.
Key returnees: Brent Berglund, K, Jr.; Anthony Bryant, DE, Soph.; Mark Drabczak, OG, Jr. (switched from OT); Doug Evans, S, Sr.; Marcus Evans, TB, Sr.; Freddie Foggie, CB, Jr. (switched from WR); Brent Herbel, P, Sr.; Paul Hopewell, SE, Soph.; Frank Jackson, DB, Jr.; Gary Isakson, DT, Soph.; Jon Leverenz, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Shane Strain, TE, Sr.; Scott Steiff, LB, Sr.; Pat Tingelhoff, WR, Jr.; Ricky Williams, DE/LB, Jr. (knee injury in spring).
Top newcomers: Keith Ballard, DL (Prop 48); Derek Fisher, CB (RS); Marquel Fleetwood, QB (RS); Ted Harrison, DT (RS); Alex Ikonikov, LB; Jim King, FB (RS; switched from CB); Robert Nittolo, QB (RS); Steve Rhem, SE; Trey Whitson, TE (RS).
Schedule: At Iowa State, Sept. 16; Nebraska, Sept. 23; Indiana State, Sept. 30; Purdue, Oct. 7; at Northwestern, Oct. 14; at Indiana, Oct. 21; Ohio State, Oct. 28; Wisconsin, Nov. 4; at Michigan State, Nov. 11; Michigan, Nov. 18; at Iowa, Nov. 25.
Site: Minneapolis.

At 2-7-2, John Gutekunst's Gophers were the Big Ten's most disappointing team last season. But the conference's big boys would be well advised not to take this team too lightly.

Minnesota's struggle can be traced directly to two occurrences. First, linebacker Jon Leverenz, the heart of the Gopher defense, was lost in the season opener with a knee injury. Then running back-deluxe Darrell Thompson pulled a quadriceps muscle that limited his effectiveness and resulted in a 910-yard season, his first under 1,000 yards in three years.

Both should be back at full strength in 1989, and quarterback Scott Schaffner should be considerably better after struggling to replace talented Rickey Foggie.

Fullback Octavius Gould will combine with Thompson and Schaffner to give the Gophers a talented backfield. Chris Gaiters returns as a big-play wide receiver.

The only offensive concern is a line that returns four starters, all of whom struggled in 1988.

Leverenz will be joined on a solid linebacking unit by Ron Goetz, Joel Staats and Mac Stephens. Skeeter Akre and Mike Sunvold anchor the front line with safety Sean Lumpkin and corner Andre Thaddies returning to the secondary.

Gutekunst has another big weapon in punter Brent Herbel, who places his kicks as well as anybody in the Big Ten.

INDIANA

Coach: Bill Mallory (26-30-1, 8 years; 125-83-2 overall, 19 years).
1988 record: 8-3-1 (beat South Carolina in Liberty Bowl). Big Ten: 5-3/5th.
Key losses: Willie Bates, LB; Dan Bauer, NG; Tony Buford, WR; Brian Dewitz, S; Marc Ferry, S; Jeff Fryar, OT; Andre Hall, CB; Walt Harris, DT; Joe Huff, LB; Tim Jorden, TE; Brad Money, LB; Tim Radtke, OG; Doug Schlereth, DT; Don Shrader, OG; Chris Simons, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Cal Miller, FB, 5-10/226, Sr.; Dave Schnell, QB, 6-2/219, Sr.; Anthony Thompson, TB, 6-0/209, Sr.; Rob Turner, WR, 5-11/186, Jr.; Ron Vargo, C, 6-2/274, Sr. **Defense (2):** Mike Dumas, CB, 6-0/172, Jr.; Terry Saunders, LB, 6-5/239, Sr. (switched to TE).
Key returnees: Dave Ane, S, Jr.; Ian Beckles, OG, Sr.; Tom Bolyard, P, Sr.; Gene Boyd, LB, Sr. (switched from FB); Greg Farrall, LB, Soph.; Mark Hagen, LB, Soph. (RS/medical); Nolan Harrison, DT, Jr.; John Miller, CB, Soph.; Todd Oberdorf, T, Sr.; Randy Schneider, OT, Sr.; Eddie Thomas, WR, Soph.; Paul Williams, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Scott Bonnell, K (RS); Rod Coleman, LB (JC); Vaughn Dunbar, TB (JC); Shawn Harper, NG (JC; switched from OG); Larry McDaniel, LB (RS; switched from NG); Troy Newton, OG (JC); Corey Taylor, LB (JC); Ernie Thompson, TB (Prop 48).
Schedule: At Kentucky, Sept. 9; Missouri, Sept. 16; Toledo, Sept. 30; Northwestern, Oct. 7; at Ohio State, Oct. 14; Minnesota, Oct. 21; at Michigan, Oct. 28; Michigan State, Nov. 4; at Wisconsin, Nov. 11; at Illinois, Nov. 18; Purdue, Nov. 25.
Site: Bloomington, Ind.

If you go strictly by the numbers, Bill Mallory and the Hoosiers could be in for a long season. Five starters return on offense and only cornerback Mike Dumas is back on defense.

But sometimes quality is more impressive than quantity.

If Anthony Thompson is not the best running back in the conference, he's close. And there is no doubt that quarterback Dave Schnell and wide receiver Rob Turner form the league's best passing combination.

Throw in fullback Cal Miller and center Ron Vargo, a three-year starter, and Indiana should be as explosive as ever.

Thompson was the Big Ten's Player of the Year in 1988. His 1,546 yards ranked third in Division I-A, and he ranked second nationally with 144 points. Schnell passed for 1,499 yards and seven touchdowns.

All Mallory has to do is fill in the holes—primarily on the offensive line.

"I felt secure with our line in the spring," Mallory said. "Todd Oberdorf should be a real good tackle. And Ian Beckles is going to be right there with the guards we had last year. Ron Vargo will be as good a center as there is in the league."

Defensively, Mallory thinks Dumas will be among the league's emerging stars. He'll have to be.

"We're young, but we've got the most speed and quickness we've ever had on defense," Mallory said. "They're eager to play, and it's just a matter of maturing."



Darrell Thompson, Minnesota's running back-deluxe, should be back at full strength this season.

PURDUE

Coach: Fred Akers (7-14-1, 2 years; 103-58-3 overall, 14 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Big Ten: 3-5/6th.
Key losses: Ronnie Beeks, S; Bruce Crites, C; Marc Foster, S; Brian Fox, QB (transfer); Todd Moore, SE; Ernie Schramayr, FB; Jerrol Williams, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Bruce Brineman, T, 6-6/290, Sr.; Jason Cegielski, G, 6-2/265, Jr.; Teko Johnson, T, 6-5/284, Sr.; Dwayne O'Connor, TE, 6-3/235, Sr.; Jarrett Scales, RB, 5-10/195, Jr. (switched to S); Derick Schmidt, G, 6-4/265, Soph.; Calvin Williams, FL, 6-0/195, Sr. **Defense (8):** Dennis Dotson, E, 6-5/235, Sr.; Bill Hitchcock, T, 6-6/290, Sr. (switched to OT); Steve Jackson, CB, 5-9/182, Jr.; Derrick Kelson, CB, 6-1/190, Sr.; Ken Kushner, T, 6-5/275, Sr.; Donzel Leggett, E, 6-5/228, Jr.; Tyrone Starks, LB, 6-3/210, Jr.; Darrin Trieb, LB, 6-2/228, Jr.
Key returnees: Kris Burns, DT, Soph.; Scott Conover, OG, Jr. (switched from DE); Ray Graham, RB, Soph.; Terry Johnson, S, Jr.; Frank Kmet, DE, Soph.; Bryan Madden, DT, Soph.; Shawn McCarthy, P, Sr.; Curtis McManus, WR, Sr.; Jim Schwantz, LB, Soph.; Jerome Sparkman, RB, Jr.; Larry Sullivan, K, Soph.; Todd Troutman, OT, Soph.; Julian Wagner, CB, Soph.; Jim Wormsley, T, Soph.
Top newcomers: Thomas Adams, DB/TB; Elvin Caldwell, DL; Bill Clince, OL; Abe Hoskins, WR; Mike Krabbe, LB/DE; Steve Letnich, QB (transfer/Air Force); Lewis Lowe, LB/DE; Nick Mamula, OG (RS); Scott McLean, LB/DE; Peyton Minter, DE (Prop 48); Aundre Reese, RB (Prop 48); Kevin Strickland, LB (RS); Jimmy Young, RB; Jeff Zgonina, DE (RS).
Schedule: Miami (O.), Sept. 9; at Washington, Sept. 16; Notre Dame, Sept. 30; at Minnesota, Oct. 7; Illinois, Oct. 14; at Ohio State, Oct. 21; Michigan State, Oct. 28; at Michigan, Nov. 4; Northwestern, Nov. 11; Iowa, Nov. 18; at Indiana, Nov. 25.
Site: West Lafayette, Ind.

Purdue doesn't have any problem finding quarterbacks. The Boilermakers do, however, have trouble keeping them.

When highly touted Jeff George transferred to Illinois two years ago, Brian Fox took over and started seven games as a freshman in 1988. Then, two weeks after 1989 spring practice concluded, Fox packed his bags and left, reportedly to find a school closer to his Orlando home.

"Brian leaving was a huge surprise," Coach Fred Akers said. "Fortunately, we have two good, young quarterbacks in Steve Letnich and Jeff Lesniewicz."

Letnich, who had transferred from Air Force, where he was a backup, looks like the starter. Neither, however, has much experience, and Purdue's starting backfield promises to be just as green.

Akers is hoping that junior Jerome Sparkman will develop into a big-yardage back. Purdue's leading rusher last season was Jarrett Scales (now a strong safety) with 362 yards and the Boilermakers averaged a paltry 87.8 rushing yards per game, easily the conference low. Four defensive linemen were switched to offense in an attempt to open running lanes.

The only sure bet on the line is guard Jason Cegielski, and Calvin Williams returns as a solid wide receiver—if anybody can get him the ball.

Linebacker Darrin Trieb, end Donzel Leggett and backs Derrick Kelson and Steve Jackson form the nucleus of a defense that will be hard-pressed to stop the conference's high-powered offenses.

NORTHWESTERN

Coach: Francis Peay (8-23-2, 3 years).
1988 record: 2-8-1. Big Ten: 2-5-1/T7th.
Key losses: Mike Baum, DT; Greg Bradshaw, QB; Bret Dirks, OT; Dirk Disper, OG; Kurt Lundergreen, DE; Kyle Palmer, S; Kevin Peterson, LB; Jeff Robinson, CB; Byron Sanders, RB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Bob Griswold, TE, 6-5/225, Sr.; Randy McClellan, SE, 6-0/185, Sr.; Kurt Minko, C, 6-2/254, Sr.; Pat New, FL, 5-11/178, Jr.; Steve Rosholt, FB, 5-11/224, Sr.; Brian Tichy, G, 6-5/264, Soph. (knee injury in spring); Derrill Vest, T, 6-5/284, Sr. **Defense (6):** Darryl Ashmore, T, 6-7/265, Jr.; John Broeker, E, 6-4/252, Jr.; David Eaton, CB, 5-9/180, Soph.; Dan Freveletti, NG, 6-1/255, Jr. (switched from LB); Dwight James, S, 6-3/197, Jr.; Thomas Homco, LB, 6-1/224, Soph.
Key returnees: Ira Adler, K, Sr.; Richard Buchanan, WR, Soph.; Bob Christian, RB, Jr.; Matt Dzierwa, P/QB, Soph.; John Ivlow, S, Soph.; Kip Kelly, QB, Jr.; Kevin Krebs, QB, Soph.; Todd McClish, OT/DT, Soph. (RS/medical); Chip Morris, WR, Soph.; Butch Newhouse, FB, Soph. (RS/medical); Tim O'Brien, QB, Sr.; Ed Sutter, P/LB, Soph.; Terry Thomas, CB, Jr. (broke foot in spring).
Top newcomers: Mark Hilliard, OT; Conrad Jones, TE; Anthony Purkett, DB; Jim Zajicek, DL.
Schedule: At Duke, Sept. 9; Air Force, Sept. 16; Rutgers, Sept. 23; at Indiana, Oct. 7; Minnesota, Oct. 14; at Wisconsin, Oct. 21; Iowa, Oct. 28; Ohio State, Nov. 4; at Purdue, Nov. 11; at Michigan State, Nov. 18; Illinois, Nov. 25.
Site: Evanston, Ill.

Northwestern fans were surprised when 1,062-yard rusher Byron Sanders,

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SCOUTING THE BIG TEN

Best addition: Jeff Pearson, C, Michigan State. Pearson, a junior transfer from Notre Dame, became a dominant force in spring drills. His arrival softens the blow of tackle Tony Mandarich's move to the NFL.

Best addition, runner-up: Alonzo Spellman, LB, Ohio State. Spellman is Ohio State's best recruit since fellow linebacker Chris Spielman came to Columbus and began rearranging bodies. Injury or academic difficulties are his only roadblocks to the NFL.

Best defender: Percy Snow, LB, Michigan State. Game after game, Snow ranges from sideline to sideline like nobody else.

Best news: The clearance given Minnesota's Jon Leverenz to return to the gridiron. Leverenz, arguably the nation's best inside linebacker, suffered a severe knee injury in the 1988 season opener and the Gopher defense went to pot. Leverenz underwent surgery and missed spring practice, but he'll be back this fall—much to John Gutekunst's delight.

Worst move: When Don Morton left Tulsa to coach Wisconsin in 1987. He entered a no-win situation that could cost him his job. In this case, nice guys do finish last.

Best luck: Michigan State and Ohio State. By not having to play each other this season, both can contend for the Big Ten crown.

Most improved team: Purdue. Coach Fred Akers is quietly rebuilding the Boilermakers by stockpiling talented recruits. The '90s will be much kinder to the fans in West Lafayette.

Best bet of the year: Michigan will allow fewer touchdowns than Wisconsin scores.

Making the best of a bad situation: Though the Badgers are hurting, the fans in Madison still know how to have a good time. You wouldn't know the folks in Camp Randall Stadium are supporting a loser by the noise they make.

Another solid bet: If anything happens to quarterback Jeff George, Illinois won't win five games.

Best conference contest: Michigan State vs. Michigan, October 14, at Michigan State. It's Bo against George as the Wolverines and Spartans produce some of the hardest hitting you'll see anywhere in 1989.

Most underrated players: Bobby Abrams, LB, Michigan, and Alex Marshall, LB, Michigan. This combination of outside 'backers might be the nation's best.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
MICHIGAN	B	A+	B	A–	A	A+	C–
MICHIGAN STATE	B–	C+	C	B	B	C	B+
OHIO STATE	B	B	C	C+	C+	C+	B–
ILLINOIS	C	B	B	B+	B–	C	C+
IOWA	C+	C+	C	C	C+	C+	C
MINNESOTA	C	B+	C+	C–	B	C–	B–
INDIANA	C	A	B	D+	D+	D+	C
PURDUE	C–	C–	C	C	C	C	C+
NORTHWESTERN	D	D	B–	D+	D	C+	C+
WISCONSIN	D	C–	C–	C+	C	C	D

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

brother of 1988 Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders, decided to bypass his final season of eligibility to go pro.

"I hated to see him go, but I'm not bitter," Coach Francis Peay said. "It was a family decision."

Replacing Sanders will not be that big of a problem. Keep your eye on Bob Christian.

"Christian is an outstanding tailback," Peay said. "He has more versatility than Byron and just about equal speed. But Bobby is also a strong inside runner and receiver."

Finding a replacement for quarterback Greg Bradshaw, however, could be a different matter. Fifth-year senior Tim O'Brien is the likely candidate, although Kip Kelly and Kevin Krebs will get good looks. All are inexperienced.

Northwestern's deepest position is wide receiver. Richard Buchanan, Randy McClellan, Pat New and highly touted sophomore Chip Morris all are capable deep threats.

Free safety Dwight James is the best player on a defense that allowed a conference-high 415.1 yards per game in a 2-8-1 1988 season. Other top returnees are linebackers Thomas Homco and Ed Sutter, tackle Darryl Ashmore and end John Broeker.

WISCONSIN

Coach: Don Morton (4-18, 2 years; 74-42 overall, 10 years).
1988 record: 1-10. Big Ten: 1-7/T9th.
Key losses: Brian Anderson, TE; Marvin Artley, RB; Scott Bestor, WR; Matt Joki, C; Todd Nelson, OG; Keith Peterson, OT; Chad VandeZande, DT; Steve Vinci, RB; Jeff Wagner, S; David Wings, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Lionell Crawford, QB, 5-11/177, Soph.; Joe Magazzeni, G, 6-7/287, Jr.; Brady Pierce, T, 6-7/288, Jr.; Bill Williams, WR, 6-4/202, Sr. **Defense (8):** John Banaszak, NG, 6-5/256, Sr.; Don Davey, E, 6-4/249, Sr.; Eddie Fletcher, CB, 5-7/170, Soph.; Malvin Hunter, LB, 6-3/230, Jr.; Dan Kissling, LB, 6-1/241, Sr.; Rafael Robinson, S, 5-11/185, Soph.; Greg Thomas, S, 6-2/189, Sr.; LaMarr White, CB, 5-9/180, Jr.
Key returnees: Dan Batsch, LB, Sr.; Gary Casper, LB, Soph.; Otis Flowers, QB, Soph. (RS/medical); Damone Freeman, RB, Soph.; Craig Hudson, TE, Sr.; Leon Hunt, RB, Sr.; Leon Johnson, DT, Sr.; Tim Knoeck, LB, Sr.; Brendan Lynch, LB, Jr.; Brad Mayo, CB, Sr.; Fred Owens, RB, Sr.; Nick Polczinski, OG, Sr.; Duer Sharp, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Rich Andrus, OL; Dave Czech, TE/LB; Patrick Thompson, DT (RS); Rich Thompson, K (RS); Tim Ware, WR.
Schedule: Miami (Fla.), Sept. 9; Toledo, Sept. 16; at California, Sept. 23; at Michigan, Oct. 7; Iowa, Oct. 14; Northwestern, Oct. 21; at Illinois, Oct. 28; at Minnesota, Nov. 4; Indiana, Nov. 11; at Ohio State, Nov. 18; Michigan State, Nov. 25.
Site: Madison, Wis.

The veer offense has been put on the shelf for 1989. Coach Don Morton will try to bring his Badgers back from a 1-10 season with a more versatile one-back formation.

"This will spread people out on the defense and give us a short, high-percentage passing game," Morton said.

It better do something. The Badgers ranked last in the Big Ten in passing, third-down conversions and scoring last year.

Morton will turn to sophomore quarterback Lionell Crawford, who is a much stronger runner than passer.

The key back will be sophomore Damone Freeman—if he can develop as a pass catcher. Freeman ran from the wishbone in high school and covers 40 yards in 4.4 seconds.

Tackle Brady Pierce and guard Joe Magazzeni anchor an offensive line that normally is out-beefed by conference opponents.

The Badgers' only 1988 victory was the result of inside linebacker Malvin Hunter recovering a fumble in the end zone against Minnesota. Hunter, linebacker Dan Kissling, end Don Davey, nose tackle John Banaszak and cornerback LaMarr White are Wisconsin's best returning defenders. ■

Big West faces a bruising non-league schedule

By JOHN AKERS
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Cal State Fullerton Coach Gene Murphy calls them "body-bag" games. The idea is to take the field, grab the check and get back home with as few casualties as possible.

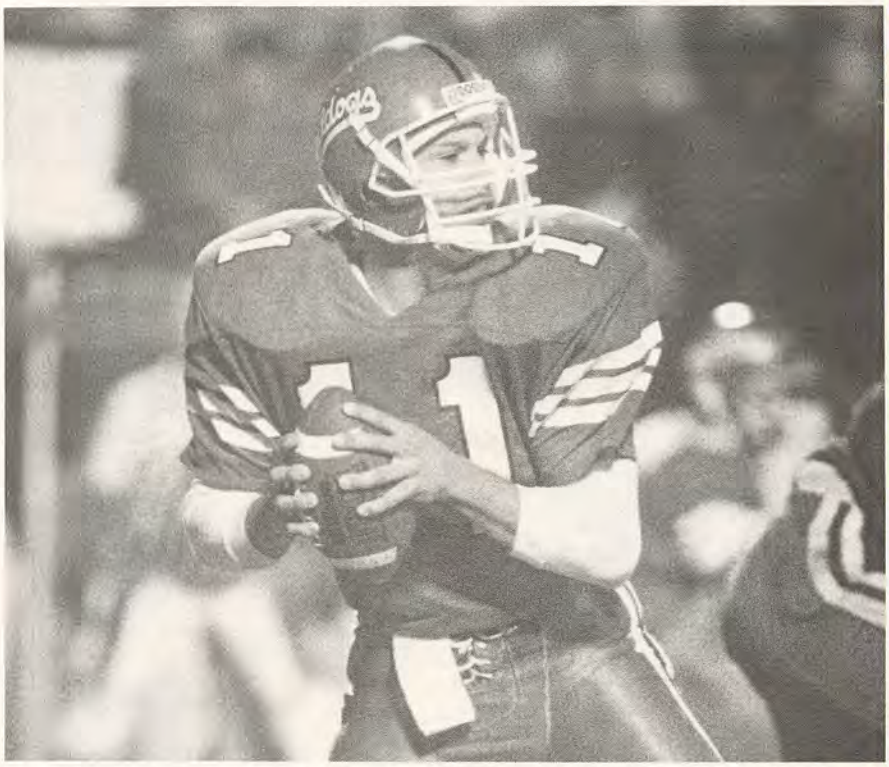
It's a matter of survival in the Big West Conference, whose members annually sacrifice themselves for the sake of a fat payoff. As long as the Nebraskas and Auburns of the world are willing to shell out big bucks for the privilege of padding their records with likely victories over Big West teams, they are willing to take a beating once or twice a year.

And they do take a beating. The Big West went 5-30 last season knocking helmets with such non-conference foes as West Virginia, Colorado, UCLA, Arkansas and Nebraska (twice). This year, Pacific begins its season at Pittsburgh and Auburn, New Mexico State opens at Oklahoma, San Jose State plays at Miami (Fla.) and Arizona State, and Utah State travels to Southern California and Illinois.

It figures to be another painful experience for the Big West teams, but they need the money. With the exception of Fresno State, these are schools with attendance problems that need the large financial guarantees to help sustain their programs. In fact, the Fullerton program had to take a budget cut when it couldn't find any big-name opponents to replace 1988 foes West Virginia and Wyoming on the 1989 schedule.

The good news is that the Titans, unlike many other Big West schools, probably won't have to recover from the physical and emotional pain of absorbing 45-10 and 35-16 thrashings.

"When you play the University of Miamis," Murphy said, "the realistic thing is you want to come away injury-free and you don't want to get humiliated so it doesn't take till Wednesday to get out of that rut."



As a freshman starter last season, Fresno State quarterback Mark Barsotti passed for 1,555 yards.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **FRESNO STATE**
   The Bulldogs are loaded with the best skill-position talent in the league.
2. **SAN JOSE STATE**
   Johnson makes the Spartans contenders, though their defense is suspect.
3. **NEVADA-LAS VEGAS**
   If the offensive line improves, the Runnin' Rebels have a chance.
4. **CAL STATE FULLERTON**
   The Titans lack depth, but Murphy keeps them competitive.
5. **UTAH STATE**
   In a rebuilding stage, the Aggies will count on defense to keep games close.
6. **LONG BEACH STATE**
   Southerland is an offensive threat, but his supporting cast is questionable.
7. **PACIFIC**
   The addition of Harris bodes well for the future. This season is less encouraging.
8. **NEW MEXICO STATE**
   The Aggies will be hard pressed to avoid another last-place finish.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

FRESNO STATE

Coach: Jim Sweeney (86-38-1, 11 years; 143-117-2 overall, 24 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (beat Western Michigan in California Bowl). Big West: 7-0/1st.
Key losses: Andre Alexander, FL; Craig Bowens, S; Garnett Fountain, LB; Brian Greer, LB; Tony Harris, S; Craig Jones, TE; Chuck McCutchen, NG; Jim Rademann, C; Tracy Rogers, LB; Kelly Skipper, TB; Jeff Trushel, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Mark Barsotti, QB, 6-2/195, Soph.; Myron Jones, FB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Fil Lugan, T, 6-6/280, Sr.; Dwight Pickens, FL, 6-0/175, Sr.; Jeff Skidmore, G, 6-5/285, Sr.; Paul Vial, G, 6-5/265, Sr. **Defense (5):** Ron Cox, LB, 6-2/230, Jr.; Willie Howard, E, 6-3/285, Sr. (switched to NG); Darrel Martin, CB, 6-3/200, Sr.; Nick Ruggeroli, E, 6-2/230, Jr.; James Williams, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.
Key returnees: Rich Bartlewski, TE, Sr.; Sylvester Brumfield, RB, Jr. (RS); Dave Ewing, C, Sr.; Mike Foust, OT, Sr.; Steve Loop, K, Sr.; Rick Morgan, OG, Sr.; Robert Nobles, LB, Jr.; Bump Novacek, TE, Sr.; (RS/medical; switched from LB); Lance Oberparleiter, P, Sr.; Brent Pollock, OT/OG, Sr. (RS/medical); Marquez Pope, S, Soph.; Stephen Shelley, SE, Sr.; David Shelton, S, Sr.; Jeff Thiesen, LB, Soph.; Jeff White, CB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Bryan Burnett, WR (JC); Aaron Craver, TB (JC); Tony Evans, WR (JC/RS); Joe Ferguson, OG (RS; knee injury in spring); John Goslin, DE (JC); Will Henry, WR; Pete Jenkins, LB (JC); Brian Lasho, OL (JC); Naim Shah, S (JC); Ricky White, TB (RS; shoulder injury in spring).
Schedule: Utah, Sept. 2; Montana, Sept. 9; at Pacific, Sept. 16; Long Beach State, Sept. 23; Oregon State, Oct. 7; at Utah State, Oct. 14; Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 21; UNLV, Oct. 28; San Jose State, Nov. 4; at New Mexico State, Nov. 11; at New Mexico, Nov. 18.
Site: Fresno, Calif.

Coach Jim Sweeney lost half of the starting lineup that helped the Bulldogs coast through a perfect Big West season and California Bowl championship in 1988, but his 1989 club could be even stronger.

"We dominated people on defense and scored on them with field position; a lot of our games were over by halftime," Sweeney said. "I said I felt we were going to be good last year. But I also said I felt our best football team would be this year."

That's because the Bulldogs were the deepest team in the league last year. Only five defensive starters return, but they'll still be keeping opponents out of scoring territory if they can solidify their interior.

The perimeter will be fine with all-league pick Ron Cox at one outside linebacker spot and highly regarded Jeff Thiesen at the other, all-league James Williams and Darrel Martin at the corners, and underrated Nick Ruggeroli and junior college transfer John Goslin at the ends.

Everyone is new up the middle, though. Willie Howard, a starter at end, has

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DIVISION I-A

PRESEASON ALL-BIG WEST TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	KEVIN EVANS, San Jose State	6-04/184	Senior
WR	ROCKY PALAMARA, Cal State Fullerton	6-02/190	Senior
TE	BUMP NOVACEK, Fresno State	6-04/210	Senior
T	PAT HARDEN, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-04/275	Senior
T	DUSTIN QUINTON, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-06/305	Senior
C	MIKE THOMPSON, Pacific	6-04/260	Senior
G	ANTHONY GALLEGOS, San Jose State	6-02/264	Junior
G	JEFF SKIDMORE, Fresno State	6-05/285	Senior
QB	MARK BARSOTTI, Fresno State	6-02/195	Soph.
RB	TOMMY JACKSON, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-02/210	Senior
RB	*JOHNNY JOHNSON, San Jose State	6-03/209	Senior
RB	MYRON JONES, Fresno State	5-10/190	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	DOC WISE, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-04/265	Senior
DL	KENDRICK BROWN, Pacific	6-02/220	Senior
DL	GEORGE MURAOKA, San Jose State	6-00/267	Senior
DL	DEREK NICHOLSON, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-03/245	Senior
DL	NICK RUGGEROLI, Fresno State	6-02/230	Junior
LB	RON COX, Fresno State	6-02/230	Junior
LB	SAM DICKEY, New Mexico State	6-01/212	Senior
LB	PEPPER JENKINS, Long Beach State	6-04/235	Junior
LB	JODY REINOEHL, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-01/220	Junior
DB	CHARLES ANTHONY, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-02/185	Junior
DB	RYAN RASNICK, San Jose State	5-10/185	Senior
DB	MIKE SCHAFFEL, Cal State Fullerton	6-01/190	Senior
DB	JAMES WILLIAMS, Fresno State	5-11/175	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	DAT LY, New Mexico State	5-07/149	Junior
P	TONY RHYNES, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-01/225	Senior


Novacek


Gallegos


Brown


Nicholson

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	PATRICK NEWMAN, Utah State	6-01/195	Senior
WR	DEREK WASHINGTON, Long Beach State	6-03/185	Senior
TE	RICH BARTLEWSKI, Fresno State	6-05/235	Senior
T	DAVID McKINNON, Long Beach State	6-05/280	Senior
T	REGGIE REDDING, Cal State Fullerton	6-04/270	Senior
C	DAVE EWING, Fresno State	6-03/255	Senior
G	DAN TUNNICLIFF, Long Beach State	6-04/240	Junior
G	PAUL VIAL, Fresno State	6-03/265	Senior
QB	DAN SPELTZ, Cal State Fullerton	6-03/200	Senior
RB	AARON CRAVER, Fresno State	6-00/215	Junior
RB	*MIKE PRINGLE, Cal State Fullerton	5-10/185	Senior
RB	ANDRE SOUTHERLAND, Long Beach State	5-11/205	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	WILLIE HOWARD, Fresno State	6-03/285	Senior
DL	DAN HAMPTON, Pacific	6-02/230	Senior
DL	JEFF HUNSAKER, Utah State	6-05/250	Senior
DL	JOEL NAVARRO, New Mexico State	6-02/224	Senior
DL	BILL STUERSEL, New Mexico State	6-03/270	Junior
LB	TOM HANSEN, Utah State	6-04/225	Junior
LB	HAROLD JONES, Cal State Fullerton	6-02/245	Senior
LB	DAVE MOSS, San Jose State	6-00/218	Senior
LB	JEFF THIESEN, Fresno State	6-02/220	Soph.
DB	TRAVIS CLARK, Utah State	6-03/196	Senior
DB	HESH COLAR, San Jose State	5-10/195	Soph.
DB	GREG KOPEREK, Pacific	5-10/180	Senior
DB	DARREL MARTIN, Fresno State	6-03/200	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	STEVE LOOP, Fresno State	5-11/180	Senior
P	BRIAN JONES, Pacific	6-01/180	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Washington


Redding


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1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Johnson, San Jose St.	233	1219	5.2	101.6
Jackson, UNLV	179	894	5.0	89.4
Southerland, L.B. St.	146	653	4.5	65.3
Jones, Fresno St.	132	677	5.1	61.5

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Speltz, Cal St. Full.	274	136	1924	118.4
Barsotti, Fresno St.	203	101	1555	117.6
Price, UNLV	200	96	1200	97.0
Vinson, N. Mex. St.	124	56	541	79.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Speltz, Cal St. Full.	182	1924	1742	158.4
Barsotti, Fresno St.	81	1555	1636	148.7
Johnson, S. Jose St.	1219	8	1227	102.3
Price, UNLV	-89	1200	1111	101.0

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Evans, San Jose St.	61	887	14.5	6.10
Johnson, San Jose St.	61	668	10.9	5.08
Palamara, Cal St. Full.	53	875	16.5	4.82
Washington, L. B. St.	48	752	15.7	4.00

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Johnson, S. Jose St.	19	2	0	116	9.7
Loop, Fresno St.	0	42	18	96	8.7
Moody, Utah St.	0	24	13	63	5.7
Jones, Fresno St.	10	0	0	60	5.4

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Rhynes, Nev.-Las Vegas	66	2905	44.0
Jones, Pacific	67	2828	42.2
Hughes, San Jose St.	58	2367	40.8

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Koperek, Pacific	20	208	0	10.4
McCardell, UNLV	29	172	0	5.9

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Davis, Long Beach St.	17	423	1	24.9
Seay, Long Beach St.	35	749	0	21.4
Johnson, San Jose St.	15	315	0	21.0
Koperek, Pacific	17	342	0	20.1

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Loop, Fresno St.	27	18	.667	1.64
Ly, New Mexico St.	21	17	810	1.55
Moody, Utah St.	15	13	.867	1.18

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Clark, Utah St.	5	28	0	.45
Wright, Cal St. Full.	3	48	0	.27
Reinoehl, UNLV	3	29	0	.27
Munson, Utah St.	3	15	0	.27

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Fresno State	7	0	0	10	2	0
Cal State Fullerton	5	2	0	5	6	0
Utah State	4	3	0	4	7	0
San Jose State	4	3	0	4	8	0
Nevada-Las Vegas	3	4	0	4	7	0
Long Beach State	3	4	0	3	9	0
Pacific	2	5	0	2	9	0
New Mexico State	0	7	0	1	10	0

moved to noseguard. There's enough competition for the inside linebacker and safety jobs to make Sweeney feel comfortable.

Sweeney feels better about the offense because he believes quarterback Mark Barsotti, a freshman starter last season, will become more versatile with experience. The Bulldogs relied on the run more than usual last season, but Barsotti still passed for 1,555 yards.

Aaron Craver, a big and fast junior college transfer, won the tailback job in the spring. Craver and talented fullback Myron Jones could give the Bulldogs the best 1-2 punch in the league.

But there are problems in paradise. Other than Dwight Pickens, there aren't the usual number of outstanding receivers on hand. And of the four starting linemen expected to return, center Jim Rademann quit the team and guard Jeff Skidmore was in danger of being academically ineligible. If Skidmore can't play, Sweeney will have only six experienced linemen.

"The big question mark is injuries and how lucky can you be," Sweeney said. "I don't mean to be bleak about it, but we thought our offensive line would be deep."

But it is not without talent. Dave Ewing should be a fine replacement at center, and Paul Vial is solid at guard. Fresno State also may have the two best tight ends in the league in former linebacker Bump Novacek and Rich Bartlewski.

SAN JOSE STATE

Coach: Claude Gilbert (32-25-1, 5 years; 93-51-3 overall, 13 years).
1988 record: 4-8. Big West: 4-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Bill Alcantara, LB; Norman Brown, LB; Mark Frederick, OG; Stefen Guthrie, NG; Richard Johnson, DT; David Knox, LB; Robert Lewis, WR; Ken Lutz, QB; Joe Robinson, OG; Scott Swall, OT; Jay Taylor, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Kevin Evans, WR, 6-4/184, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Jim Francis, FB, 6-0/237, Sr.; John Heilman, T, 6-3/254, Sr. (switched to G); Doug Hooker, WR, 5-8/174, Sr.; Anthony Gallegos, C, 6-2/264, Jr. (switched to G); Johnny Johnson, TB, 6-3/209, Sr. **Defense (5):** Hesh Colar, S, 5-10/195, Soph.; Dave Moss, LB, 6-0/218, Sr. (status questionable/academics); George Muraoka, T, 6-0/267, Sr. (missed spring/wrist); Ryan Rasnick, S, 5-10/185, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Freddie Smith, CB, 6-1/180, Soph.
Key returnees: Marc Birch, LB, Jr. (RS); Danny Holmes, TB, Sr.; Danny Holmes, TB, Sr.; Jim Hughes, P, Sr.; Jim Kirk, K, Sr.; Mike Scialabba, LB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Mike Bender, C (RS); Bob Bleisch, NG (RS); Sheldon Canley, TB (JC/RS); Pat Hinds, OT (JC); Chad Hymel, OG (JC); Steve Jones, LB (RS); Everett Lampkins, LB (JC); Ralph Martini, QB (transfer/Brigham Young); Gabe Smith, WR (JC); Charles Thomas, S (RS; switched from CB); Eddie Thomas, CB (JC); Matt Veatch, QB (JC; knee injury in spring).
Schedule: At Arizona State, Sept. 16; Pacific, Sept. 23; at Stanford, Sept. 30; at California, Oct. 7; at Miami (Fla.), Oct. 14; at Long Beach State, Oct. 21; New Mexico State, Oct. 28; at Fresno State, Nov. 4; at Utah State, Nov. 11; Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 18; UNLV, Nov. 25.
Site: San Jose, Calif.

If all the pieces fit, Claude Gilbert thinks his Spartans could look like his 10-2 teams of 1986 and 1987. If not, they could be as puzzling as last season's 4-8 team.



Nevada-Las Vegas linebacker Jody Reinoehl was the Big West's leading tackler in 1988.

A key player is tailback Johnny Johnson, the nation's top returning all-purpose runner. He's talented but has had some differences with the Spartan coaching staff during the last year over his training habits and his role on the team. If he comes back in good shape and a good frame of mind, he will be the Big West's best offensive player.

The Spartans also are hoping that wide receiver Kevin Evans' knee is healed, that linebacker Dave Moss is academically eligible and that new quarterback Matt Veatch continues to master the San Jose State offense. Veatch is a junior college transfer who "has the physical tools to be a great one," Gilbert said.

Gilbert also is excited about his backfield. He said Johnson, Sheldon Canley, Danny Holmes and Jim Francis (who doubles as a tight end) might be the best backfield he's ever had.

"We're delighted with those guys," Gilbert said. "We have more speed than we've ever had."

The Spartans are optimistic that Evans, who caught 61 passes last fall, will return after undergoing major knee surgery. He'll be joined by Doug Hooker (43 receptions).

The line has been reinforced by three junior college transfers who will challenge three veterans for starting jobs. Anthony Gallegos, the starting center last year, should be a force at guard.

The defense will be strongest in the secondary. Ryan Rasnick and Hesh Colar could be the best pair of safeties in the league. Cornerback was an area of concern last season, but Gilbert has high hopes for the improving Freddie Smith and junior college transfer Eddie Thomas.

Moss, the team's leading tackler last season, missed spring practice in order to beef up his grades. Tackle George Muraoka anchors a respectable line.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Coach: Wayne Nunnely (15-18, 3 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Big West: 3-4/T5th.
Key losses: Tyrone Carter, DB; Jim Cook, P; Cedric Davis, TE (neck injury in '88); Scott Gunderson, OG (quit team); Al Hemmans, DB; Bill Operin, OG; Tony Peko, C; David Ruggles, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Darin Brightmon, FB, 5-10/200, Sr.; Pat Harden, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Tommy Jackson, TB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Keenan McCardell, WR, 6-2/175, Jr.; Charles Price, QB, 6-2/180, Soph.; Dustin Quinton, T, 6-6/305, Sr. **Defense (8):** Charles Anthony, S, 6-2/185, Jr.; Aaron Christian, T, 6-5/255, Jr.; John Foster, LB, 6-3/235, Sr.; Avery Miller, LB, 6-4/220, Sr.; Derek Nicholson, T, 6-3/245, Sr.; Freddy Phillips, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Jody Reinoehl, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Doc Wise, NT, 6-4/265, Sr.
Key returnees: Mike Estes, LB, Sr.; Kevin Folk, DL, Jr.; Tim Lyons, OG, Soph.; Kejon Murphy, RB, Soph.; Tony Rhynes, P, Sr; Derek Scott, QB, Soph.; Scott Sims, QB, Jr.; Kyle Toomer, RB, Sr.; Rickie Wills, WR, Sr.
Top newcomers: Joe Biritz, C (JC); Jeff Jensen, OG (RS); Jon Jones, OG (RS); James Slay, WR (JC); Derek Stott, QB (RS).
Schedule: Houston, Sept. 2; Weber State, Sept. 9; New Mexico State, Sept. 23; at Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 30; Pacific, Oct. 7; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 21; at Fresno State, Oct. 28; Long Beach State, Nov. 4; at Nevada-Reno, Nov. 11; Utah State, Nov. 18; at San Jose State, Nov. 25.
Site: Las Vegas.

Wayne Nunnely couldn't have picked a better time for 14 starters to return or to scratch the Nebraskas from his schedule.

It's his fourth season at UNLV, a time when athletic directors begin demanding results. The Rebels haven't had a winning record since Nunnely's first season, and the natives are restless.

The Rebels were 4-7 last season, and it didn't help matters that three of their worst games came at home. "It's been a rough year," Nunnely said. "We have to win to get my contract renewed. That's the general perception of the community and the media."

To that end, all 21 of UNLV's recruits are from junior colleges. And UNLV has more reasonable non-conference opponents in Houston, Weber State, Northern Illinois and Nevada-Reno.

Outstanding tight end Cedric Davis won't be back after suffering a serious neck injury last season, but the Rebels will still be a good team, thanks to a backfield that might be as talented as those at Fresno State and San Jose State.

Tommy Jackson and Darin Brightmon were probably the league's best pair of backs last season, and they return for their senior seasons. They'll follow blocks by the league's best tackle tandem, Pat Harden and Dustin Quinton. Improved line play is a key to the Rebels' chances this fall.

Sophomore Charles Price returns at quarterback. Price completed only 48 percent of his passes, many of them short

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tosses to Jackson, but Nunnely has confidence in him. Wide receivers Rickie Wills and Keenan McCardell are back, and Robert Welch filled in ably at tight end when Davis was injured.

With eight returning starters, the Rebels should be strongest on defense. The best of them are nose tackle Doc Wise, tackle Derek Nicholson, linebacker Jody Reinoehl (the league's leading tackler in 1988) and safety Charles Anthony.

"Right down the middle is the strength of our defense," Nunnely said.

Tony Rhynes, who finished fourth in Division I-A in punting (44-yard average) last year, will keep opponents deep in their own territory.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

Coach: Gene Murphy (48-56, 9 years; 63-63 overall, 11 years).
1988 record: 5-6. Big West: 5-2/2nd.
Key losses: Bill Bryan, LB; Dennis Ellis, OG; Sean Fernandes, CB; Matt Fitts, OT; Kevin Henderson, S; James Howard, CB; A.J. Jenkins, DE; Jerry Leggett, LB; Mike Oliver, OT; Alex Stewart, NG; Tommy Thompson, DT.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Tim Byrnes, FB, 5-11/210, Sr.; Tony Dill, WR, 5-11/190, Sr.; Marc Hauser, C, 6-2/255, Sr.; Mark Hill, WR, 6-0/175, Sr. (shoulder injury in spring); Rocky Palamara, WR, 6-2/190, Sr.; Mike Pringle, RB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Reggie Redding, T, 6-4/270, Sr. (switched from OT); Dan Speltz, QB, 6-3/200, Sr. **Defense (3):** Harold Jones, LB, 6-2/245, Sr.; Mike Schaffel, S, 6-1/190, Sr.; Chris Wright, LB, 5-10/210, Sr.
Key returnees: Keith Coury, S, Soph.; Shaun Dennis, S, Sr.; Keith Ferguson, K, Soph.; Tim Holland, NG, Sr.; Russ Oleyer, LB, Sr.; Keith Radovcich, DT, Jr.; Scott Whiting, LB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Darrell Bruce, CB (JC); Dave Collins, OL (JC); Lionel Denman, CB (JC); Dave Dorf, DT (JC); Tim Drevno, OL (JC); Chip Grant, TB (RS); Mike Kent, TE (RS); Phil Nevin, K/P.
Schedule: At Northern Illinois, Sept. 2; Cal State Northridge, Sept. 9; at Colorado State, Sept. 16; at San Diego State, Sept. 23; UNLV, Sept. 30; at Utah State, Oct. 7; at Pacific, Oct. 14; at Fresno State, Oct. 21; New Mexico State, Nov. 4; Long Beach State, Nov. 11; at San Jose State, Nov. 18.
Site: Fullerton, Calif.

Gene Murphy spent the off-season looking for assistant coaches and defensive players.

Murphy has had to replace seven coaches in less than a year and must find eight new defensive starters. Fortunately for the Titans, defense and coaching are Murphy's strong suits.

And the offense could be explosive next season, too. The best player on that side of the ball could be quarterback Dan Speltz, a former junior college All-America who got off to a slow start last season but finished strong, leading the Titans to victories in three of their last four games.

Mike Pringle missed three games because of injuries and didn't rack up big numbers, but Murphy said he might be as good as any running back in Fullerton history. The Titans have another big-time threat in wide receiver Rocky Palamara, who caught 53 passes for 875 yards.

There is more skill-position talent available in fullback Tim Byrnes, tailback Chip Grant and wide receivers Tony Dill and Mark Hill. And the line should be strong behind center Marc Hauser and tackle Reggie Redding.

Defensively, the Titans must replace three players who were selected in the National Football League draft and five other starters. Of utmost concern is the line, which will be all new this fall.

The Titans do have an outstanding safety in Mike Schaffel, and Murphy said Harold Jones and Chris Wright might be the best pair of outside linebackers in the league. He also has great expectations for inside linebacker Russ Oleyer, another former junior college All-America who is starting to live up to his billing.

Many of the starters will have to come from the 10 junior college transfers who will arrive this fall. Among them is cornerback Ken McKyer, brother of San Francisco 49ers cornerback Tim McKyer.

UTAH STATE

Coach: Chuck Shelton (12-21, 3 years; 52-80 overall, 12 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Big West: 4-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Jerry Brown, OG; Steve Davis, LB; Brian Hunsaker, DT; Sid Roberts, C; Kendal Smith, WR; Brent Snyder, QB; Timo Tagaloa, FB; Todd Thornton, DE; David Walker, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Patrick Newman, WR, 6-1/195, Sr.; Brett Payne, RB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Keith Roberson, TE, 6-2/224, Sr.; John Stephens, T, 6-4/255, Sr.; Mike Vivoli, T, 6-5/275, Soph. **Defense (5):** Kevin Bouwman, LB, 6-1/225, Jr.; Travis Clark, S, 6-3/196, Sr.; Tom Hansen, LB, 6-4/225, Jr.; Jeff Hunsaker, T, 6-5/250, Sr.; Del Lyles, LB, 6-2/215, Soph.; Scott Munson, CB, 5-10/175, Jr.; Toby Tyler, S, 6-1/188, Soph.; Rob VanDePol, NG, 6-3/245, Soph.
Key returnees: Demetrius Brown, RB, Sr.; D.C. Coleman, FB, Jr.; Greg Haynes, CB, Jr. (RS); Jeff Hunsaker, DT/DE, Sr.; Russ Moody, K, Sr.; Dexter Pointer, WR, Soph.; Todd Richardson, FB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Joe Jacobs, DT (RS); Kirk Johnson, QB (RS); Mark Johnson, DT (RS); Bobby Pendleton, FB (RS); Piliki Tauteoli, DL (JC); Paul Trette, FB (RS); Kevin White, QB (JC/RS; broke wrist in spring).
Schedule: At Utah, Sept. 9; at Southern Cal, Sept. 16; at Illinois, Sept. 23; Brigham Young, Sept. 30; Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 7; Fresno State, Oct. 14; at New Mexico State, Oct. 21; at Pacific, Nov. 4; San Jose State, Nov. 11; at UNLV, Nov. 18; at Long Beach State, Nov. 25.
Site: Logan, Utah.

With any luck, Utah State games will no longer be one continous spiral. Otherwise, it could be a long year for the Aggies.

No Big West team threw the ball as often or as well as the Aggies did in 1988. But wide receiver Kendal Smith, the Big West's Offensive Player of the Year, and all-league quarterback Brent Snyder are gone, so don't expect the Aggies to pass on nearly two of every three downs.

Conversely, their pass coverage should improve. It couldn't get much worse. The Aggies allowed opponents to pass for 3,016 yards and 18 touchdowns. If one quarterback had been doing all that throwing, the Aggies would have made him an All-America.

The Aggies also had the league's worst

Who'll Fill Rogers' Shoes?



Jeff Thiesen was five games removed from his high school career as a defensive lineman when he was asked to do the improbable—replace Tracy Rogers.

Rogers was Fresno State's 250-pound outside linebacker, a strong, quick senior who eventually would be named the Big West Conference's Defensive Player of the Year. But Rogers' strength and quickness meant little on a sprained ankle, an injury he suffered in the Bulldogs' fifth game. Thiesen started the next game, though he was 30 pounds lighter and three years younger than Rogers and had never played pass coverage before.



Jeff Thiesen

"I was thinking, 'I've got to play up to this guy's level,' " Thiesen recalled. "I was really nervous about it; I think it helped the way I played."

Rogers was back in the lineup a week later, but Thiesen's brief opportunity to replace a local legend should make it easier for him to do so this season.

"I don't think (the coaches) are really thinking there has to be another Tracy Rogers somewhere," he said. "I don't think it's that important to them. I think they have confidence in me."

Coach Jim Sweeney does.

"Replacing Tracy is going to be a problem," he said. "It's a problem I'd be more concerned about if Thiesen weren't there."

Thiesen was impressive in his limited action last year, making 18 tackles and intercepting two passes.

"I thought as a freshman, Thiesen did an outstanding job replacing Rogers," Sweeney said. "Thiesen has outstanding agility. He has to get a little thicker in the legs to be able to take on a blocker like Tracy did."

Thiesen should get bigger and stronger in time. He's barely 19.

"As I grow older, I'll be much more like Tracy," Thiesen said. "We're a lot alike. It's like I'm his younger brother or something."

The Bulldogs are hoping for a clone.

—JOHN AKERS



Safety Travis Clark heads a deep and talented Utah State secondary.

rushing defense, but Coach Chuck Shelton thinks it will be much better. Back are linemen Jeff Hunsaker and Rob VanDePol and linebackers Tom Hansen, Del Lyles and Kevin Bouwman.

In the secondary, All-Big West free safety Travis Clark, strong safety Toby Tyler and cornerback Scott Munson will be joined by cornerback Greg Haynes, a good cover man who sat out last season with an injury.

"Not only should we be good in the secondary, where we were bad last year, we should be deep," Shelton said. "And I believe our defensive line, which has been bad the last two years, has a chance to be outstanding. I think we could have the best defense since I've been here."

Shelton also is trying to improve a running game that was nearly non-existent in '88. Look for Brett Payne and Demetrius Brown to rush for more than their combined 282 yards last year.

Replacing Snyder will be either Kirk Johnson or Kevin White. White broke his wrist in spring practice, so Johnson has the edge. The winner of that job will have the privilege of passing to Patrick Newman, who caught 40 passes last season despite missing much of three games with a knee injury.

LONG BEACH STATE

Coach: Larry Reisbig (7-16, 2 years).
1988 record: 3-9. Big West: 3-4/T5th.
Key losses: Brent Adams, OL; Stacey Alexander, DB; Jeff Beilman, TE; Tom Caines, LB; Jeff Graham, QB; Mauricio Guitierrez, LB (academically ineligible); Keith Jenkins, DB; Derrick Jinks, OL; R.J. Kors, DB; Willie Lujan, P; Phillip Morrison, LB; LaFayette Shelton, RB; Clarence Smith, OL; David VanSteenkiste, K.

Starters returning: Offense (4): Cornelius Harrell, T, 6-4/300, Sr.; David McKinnon, T, 6-5/280, Sr. (broke leg in spring); Andre Southerland, RB, 5-11/205, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Derek Washington, WR, 6-3/185, Sr. **Defense (5):** Dan Duffy, T, 6-2/255, Sr.; LeMuel Hawkins, T, 6-3/245, Sr.; Chuck Reep, E, 6-2/240, Sr.; Marc Tourville, S, 6-0/175, Sr.; Mark Ziegenhagen, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.
Key returnees: Jim Bittner, RB, Sr.; Stan Davis, CB, Sr.; Kale Evans, S, Jr. (broke arm in spring); Pepper Jenkins, LB, Jr.; Gene Lemmers, LB, Sr.; Paul Oates, QB, Sr.; Nick Pantuso, LB, Sr.; Leon Patterson, S, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Steve Smith, NT, Sr. (knee and shoulder injuries in spring); Dan Tunnicliff, OG, Jr.; Keith Washington, S, Jr.; Shawn Wilbourne, S, Jr.; Gerald Woodyard, WR, Soph. (knee injury in spring).
Top newcomers: Ron Byers, C (JC); Greg Gibson, TE (JC); Bill Grudza, QB (RS; broke thumb in spring); Freddie Leslie, RB (JC); Fred Morales, P (JC); Herman Nash, FB (JC).
Schedule: Cal State Northridge, Sept. 2; at Hawaii, Sept. 9; at Boise State, Sept. 16; at Fresno State, Sept. 23; at Pacific, Sept. 30; New Mexico State, Oct. 7; at San Diego State, Oct. 14; San Jose State, Oct. 21; at Oregon, Oct. 28; at UNLV, Nov. 4; at Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 11; Utah State, Nov. 25.
Site: Long Beach, Calif.

The 49ers' best player graduated to the NFL, and players like quarterback Jeff Graham just don't go strolling across the Long Beach State campus very often. The 49ers probably can't replace Graham, so they must try to compensate with the best depth Coach Larry Reisbig has had in his three seasons at Long Beach.

Reisbig has 10 starters back, and many of them will be challenged by junior college recruits. With some luck, the 49ers might be in position to finish in the Big West's upper division, which is a solid step for a program that was almost dropped after the 1986 season.

"We're certainly on the road to recovery," Reisbig said.

The road starts with lefthanded quarterback Paul Oates, Graham's heir apparent. He's a 24-year-old former minor league pitcher who is more of an option quarterback than Graham was.

Oates will have at least one and possibly two fine receivers to throw to in Derek Washington and Mark Seay. Seay was shot last season while attending a children's party at his sister's home in Long Beach. He lost a kidney and a bullet remains lodged near his heart, but he wants to play. If he can come back at full strength, the 49ers add the league's third-leading all-purpose runner to their attack.

"He's bound and determined," Reisbig said. "He says he's playing, but it's a question mark."

Running backs Andre Southerland and Jim Bittner are getting some heat from several junior college transfers. Southerland, who tailed off at the end of last season, will have to win his job back after missing spring practice with a shoulder injury. The running game also is aided by David McKinnon, possibly the league's best tackle, and guard Dan Tunnicliff.

As many as five defensive starters could lose their jobs to transfers or redshirts. Among those who probably will remain starters are tackles Dan Duffy and LeMuel Hawkins, linebacker Pepper Jenkins and safety Marc Tourville.

PACIFIC

Coach: Walt Harris (first year at Pacific).
1988 record: 2-9. Big West: 2-5/7th.
Key losses: Jason Frost, QB; Rand Chatman, RB; Troy Cole, WR; Mark Gran, K; Jon Grim, FB; Vernon Hadnot, RB; Ruben Harper, CB; Mike Hawkins, LB; Mike Jones, DT; Mike McMaster, LB; Rick Pembrook, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Gary Barlow, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Ted Diehl, T, 6-3/235, Sr.; Scott Lubow, TE, 6-2/235, Sr.; Glen McElderry, G, 6-5/250, Jr.; Mike Thompson, C, 6-4/260, Sr.; Anthony Williams, RB, 5-9/190, Jr. **Defense (6):** Kendrick Brown, E, 6-2/220, Sr.; Mark Crawford, CB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Jerry DiMaggio, LB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Dan Hampton, E, 6-2/230, Sr.; Richard Harris, T, 6-0/255, Sr.; Greg Koperek, S, 5-10/180, Sr.
Key returnees: Leonard Hernandez, WR, Jr. (RS/medical); John Johnston, OG, Soph.; Brian Jones, P, Sr.; Chad Kurashige, DL/LB, Sr.; Andrew Thomas, RB, Sr.; Kirk Zimmerman, LB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Mike Allio, LB; Greg Bishop, DL; Dirk Borgogone, K (JC); David Henigan, QB; Rob Kearns, RB; Troy Kopp, QB.
Schedule: At Pittsburgh, Sept. 2; at Auburn, Sept. 9; Fresno State, Sept. 16; at San Jose State, Sept. 23; Long Beach State, Sept. 30; at UNLV, Oct. 7, Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 14; at San Diego State, Oct. 21; at Arizona, Oct. 28; Utah State, Nov. 4; at Hawaii, Nov. 11; at New Mexico State, Nov. 18.
Site: Stockton, Calif.

Walt Harris, the Tigers' new coach, says he knew what he was getting into when he replaced Bob Cope. That's why he's asking for patience.

He arrives from Tennessee's coaching staff fully aware he doesn't have players who can compete with those at Pitt, Auburn, San Diego State, Arizona and Ha-

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SCOUTING THE BIG WEST

Best addition: Walt Harris, coach, Pacific. Harris returns to his alma mater with a reputation as one of the finest young talents in the profession. Former Illinois coach Mike White called Harris a "tremendous teacher, a dedicated football technician." Harris will breathe new life and offense into the Tigers.

Best addition, runners-up: Aaron Craver, TB, Fresno State, and Ralph Martini, QB, San Jose State. Fresno State added a coveted junior college tailback in Craver, who proved to be a perfect complement to quarterback Mark Barsotti and fullback Myron Jones in spring practice. Martini, a Brigham Young transfer, looked impressive while lining up at tight end for the Cougars, but some still consider him a top-notch quarterback prospect. At 6-foot-3, 217 pounds, he should have little difficulty spotting receivers.

Best position switch: Bump Novacek, TE, Fresno State. Novacek came to Fresno to participate in track after suffering what was believed to be a football-career-ending neck injury at Nebraska. But the injury healed and he is ready to return to the gridiron. He originally was pegged as a punter, then went into spring ball as a linebacker and came out a tight end, where he should excel this season as one of the nation's finest athletes.

Best bet of the year: Having concluded another successful campaign, Fresno State's Jim Sweeney again will decide to deny others his coaching services.

Best conference contest: Fresno State vs. San Jose State, November 4, at Fresno State. This game has become a war and will decide the conference champion. The rivalry, deserving of more attention, offers a wealth of memorable finishes.

Most underrated player: Kendrick Brown, DE, Pacific. Big West quarterbacks have nightmares about Brown, one of the nation's top pass rushers. He doesn't get much notice outside of the league, but you can bet the pro scouts are paying attention.

Most underrated player, runner-up: Mike Pringle, TB, Cal State Fullerton. Pringle, a former Washington State transfer, is an excellent all-purpose player who should reach his full potential in the NFL.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
FRESNO STATE	C	B+	C+	B–	C–	C	B–
SAN JOSE STATE	C	B–	C+	C+	C	C+	C
NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	C	B	C	B–	C	C	C
CAL STATE FULLERTON	C	B–	C+	D+	C+	C	D+
UTAH STATE	C–	C–	C	C	C+	C	C
LONG BEACH STATE	C–	C	C	C–	C+	D+	D
PACIFIC	C	C–	D+	C	C–	C	C
NEW MEXICO STATE	C–	C	B–	C–	C	C	C

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

waii, though all these schools are on Pacific's 1989 schedule. But the school has convinced him that it is committed to reaching that level.

The Tigers have added another full-time assistant, a full-time recruiter and a strength coach to the staff. There will be 95 scholarships available to the program for the first time, and the university has promised to raise $500,000 for the program. "We really feel this school is serious about trying to give us a chance," Harris said.

Harris knows that for a while, his teams will be too slow, weak and inexperienced to contend for any titles. And on top of that, he's trying to switch to a multi-set passing offense with a program heavy in seniors who trained three years to play Cope's wishbone.

"It's like trying to link an IBM computer with a MacIntosh," Harris said. "A guy may be a senior, but he's like a freshman."

Defense will be the Tigers' strength. Cope's coordinator, Ken Blue, and last season's wide-tackle-six formation were retained, and some quality defenders return. Greg Koperek was All-Big West as both a safety and return man, and Kendrick Brown and Dan Hampton could be the league's top pair of bookends.

The best offensive player is a lineman, center Mike Thompson. Five quarterbacks were recruited to run Harris' new offense, including highly touted freshman David Henigan.

NEW MEXICO STATE

Coach: Mike Knoll (4-29, 3 years).
1988 record: 1-10. Big West: 0-8/8th.
Key losses: Darryl Ford, LB; Tommie Fulp, CB; Jamie Henderson, S; Andy Miller, OG; Mike Reneau, QB (transfer); Chappell Riggins, DE; Tracy Staats, C; Roger Turner, OG; Alvin Warren, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Tony DeLorenzo, T, 6-3/262, Jr.; Marvin Johnson, TB, 5-9/173, Soph.; Nat Rogers, T, 6-4/290, Sr.; Anthony Singleton, FB, 5-9/209, Sr.; Bennie Thomas, FL, 6-0/182, Sr.; Jim Williams, TE, 6-4/202, Sr. **Defense (7):** Tye Bell, LB, 5-11/210, Soph.; Sam Dickey, LB, 6-1/212, Sr.; Jeff Hughes, T, 6-3/251, Jr.; Lolo James, CB, 5-9/159, Jr.; Joel Navarro, E, 6-2/224, Sr.; David Rider, S, 6-1/200, Sr.; Bill Stuersel, T, 6-3/270, Jr.
Key returnees: Brian Davis, TE, Jr.; Mike Hall, CB, Sr.; Larry Harriston, FL, Soph. (RS/knee); Dat Ly, K, Jr.; Brian Mosychuk, LB, Sr.; Tim Rizek, LB, Jr.; Phil Vinson, QB, Sr.; Alvin Warren, WR, Jr. (status questionable/academics).
Top newcomers: Kelly Curtis, OL (JC); Roman Mudd, P; John Nigreville, C (RS; switched from DE); Parker Ragsdale, S (JC); Bob Schauer, OL (JC).
Schedule: At Oklahoma, Sept. 2; at New Mexico, Sept. 9; Texas-El Paso, Sept. 16; at UNLV, Sept. 23; at Long Beach State, Oct. 7; at Tulsa, Oct. 14; Utah State, Oct. 21; at San Jose State, Oct. 28; at Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 4; Fresno State, Nov. 11; Pacific, Nov. 18.
Site: Las Cruces, N.M.

Mike Knoll, whose teams have won only four games in three seasons, is entering the last year of his contract with the Aggies. If it's to be extended, he can't afford the one-point loss to Pacific, the two-point loss to New Mexico and the five-point loss to Long Beach State that characterized the Aggies' 1-10 effort in 1988.

For the first time since Knoll has been at New Mexico State, he has no decisions to make at quarterback. Mike Reneau transferred, leaving the job to sprint-action-type Phil Vinson, who won the job late last season.

There is talent among the backs and receivers. Anthony Singleton is a tough fullback and Marvin Johnson a promising tailback. Bennie Thomas and Alvin Warren (who must improve his academic standing to be eligible) are both closing in on the school's career receiving records. Larry Harriston, the Aggies' leading receiver in 1987, is back after redshirting last season with a knee injury.

And they have an outstanding weapon in 5-foot-7, 149-pound placekicker Dat Ly, who fled from South Vietnam in 1975. He's deadly accurate (17 of 22 on field-goal tries in '88).

The offensive line is the Aggies' greatest question mark, but there's enough firepower elsewhere to give Knoll hope.

"We're going to be better on offense than at any time I've been here," he said.

The Aggie defense again will be average. Tackle Bill Stuersel and end Joel Navarro return to anchor the line. Tye Bell and fourth-year starter Sam Dickey will be back at linebacker. Safety David Rider and cornerback Mike Hall are promising in the secondary. ■

Chippewas are favored even without quick fix

By DAVE HACKENBERG
Toledo Blade

The fix is on in the Mid-American Conference—the quick fix, that is.

In a league that once was built almost exclusively around high school recruits, junior college transfers—especially those from California schools—have played significant roles in making up the last four title teams.

"Denny Stolz started it, had some dramatic results, and everybody else had to take a look at it," Eastern Michigan Coach Jim Harkema said. "The difference Denny made was he was the first coach to go big into California. I think all coaches in the Midwest have found that it has opened a great new pool of talent."

In the mid-1980s, Stolz was the coach of a talented Bowling Green State squad that was a handful of players short of being dominant. So, he plugged holes around standout quarterback Brian McClure with junior college players and produced an 11-0 regular season in 1985. Miami of Ohio and Eastern Michigan then filled key holes with junior college recruits and won the 1986 and 1987 titles, respectively.

Last fall, the quick fix paid off in a big way at Western Michigan as Al Molde rebuilt a struggling program around junior college quarterback Tony Kimbrough and six other transfer players to win the title in his program's second season.

"It's a plug-the-gap philosophy and it has served us well," Molde said. "It's the haves and the have-nots. The schools that recruit nationally and are doing well tend to be the haves. Others of us lack some depth and have some attrition, and therein lies the value of being able to get experienced players from the junior colleges."

Will it happen again in 1989?

Eastern Michigan signed four junior college players to beef up its offensive line. Ball State, which has placed minimal reliance on junior college players in the past, went that route for six 1989 recruits. A junior college transfer probably will replace Kimbrough as Western Michigan's new quarterback. Even Ohio University could slip into the title race after making its greatest investment ever in junior college talent before the 1988 season and adding five more in 1989. The Bobcats won four times in '88, matching their combined victory total of the previous three years, and now Coach Cleve Bryant says that "if we're ever going to contend for a championship, it's this year."

But Central Michigan, which could be the team to beat this year, has a roster made up almost completely of home-state high school recruits. That doesn't mean, however, that the Chippewas would never tap the junior colleges for help.

"(That) has been very good for our conference," Coach Herb Deromedi said. "Teams have filled gaps with, in some cases, incredible athletes. We wouldn't be opposed to it, and it's something we might be doing much more of down the road."



Central Michigan quarterback Jeff Bender was the league's 1988 Freshman of the Year.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **CENTRAL MICHIGAN**
   Deromedi gives the Chippewas the edge in a close MAC race.
2. **EASTERN MICHIGAN**
   Without a glaring weakness, the Hurons are definite California Bowl contenders.
3. **BALL STATE**
   The Cards have excellent special teams and a talented offensive backfield.
4. **WESTERN MICHIGAN**
   Decimated by graduation losses, the Broncos will slip a few notches.
5. **BOWLING GREEN STATE**
   Looking to rebound, the Falcons rate as the conference sleeper.
6. **OHIO UNIVERSITY**
   The Bobcats have their best shot at the conference crown in this decade.
7. **TOLEDO**
   The Rockets must improve both lines to escape the second division.
8. **KENT STATE**
   Though Crum is moaning and Young is gone, the Golden Flashes have talent.
9. **MIAMI OF OHIO**
   The once-proud Redskins now rank among the nation's worst I-A teams.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Coach: Herb Deromedi (81-34-4, 11 years).
1988 record: 7-4. MAC: 5-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Scott Alferink, MG; Craig Allen, LB; Chuck Pellegrini, OG; Eric Reed, SE; George Ricumstrict, LB; Durand Robertson, S; Brian Smallbone, OT.

Starters returning: Offense (8): David Basirico, G, 6-2/255, Sr.; Jeff Bender, QB, 6-2/200, Soph.; Joe Connolly, FB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Mark Hopkins, TE, 6-2/235, Sr.; John Keenoy, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; L.J. Muddy, WR, 5-6/170, Jr.; Ralph Newland, C, 6-3/255, Sr.; Donnie Riley, TB, 5-10/195, Sr. **Defense (7):** Rich Curtiss, LB, 6-2/215, Jr.; Dave Delekta, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Mark Dennis, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; David Johnson, S, 6-2/180, Jr.; Ken Strong, CB, 5-9/175, Jr.; J.J. Wierenga, T, 6-4/250, Jr.; James Williams, CB, 5-10/185, Jr.
Key returnees: Mike Hayes, OT, Sr.; John Hood, TB, Sr. (status questionable/knee); Myles McHaney, DL, Sr.; Kevin Nicholl, K, Sr.; Darnell Rush, TB, Soph.; Chris Thompson, LB, Jr.; Todd Winters, P, Sr.
Top newcomers: Tony Mitchell, S (transfer/Michigan State).
Schedule: At Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 9; Akron, Sept. 16; at Bowling Green, Sept. 23; at Miami (O.), Sept. 30; Kent State, Oct. 7; at Western Michigan, Oct. 14; Youngstown State, Oct. 21; Eastern Michigan, Oct. 28; at Ball State, Nov. 4; Ohio, Nov. 11; at Toledo, Nov. 18.
Site: Mount Pleasant, Mich.

The Chippewas opened the 1980s with a MAC championship. They'd like to close it the same way. The return of 51 lettermen, including 15 starters, makes that a strong possibility.

"The title is an attainable goal," Deromedi said. "But it's certainly not going to be easy or automatic. We've got some question marks, and we play five conference games on the road. Plus, we have three games where the opposing team will have had the previous weekend off, and that can make a difference."

The Chippewas have a couple of holes to fill on the offensive line, where tackle John Keenoy is a standout, but the backfield returns intact and the leading receiv-

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PRESEASON ALL-MAC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	BRUCE BOYKO, Western Michigan	6-03/215	Senior
WR	REGGIE THORNTON, Bowling Green State	5-11/175	Senior
TE	EUGENE RILEY, Ball State	6-03/229	Senior
T	DON SHIMEK, Ohio University	6-03/272	Senior
T	ERIC TOWE, Eastern Michigan	6-06/280	Senior
C	TED ASHBURN, Ball State	6-02/267	Senior
G	MILES DAVIDSON, Ohio University	6-01/275	Junior
G	TODD WRIGHT, Ball State	6-03/268	Junior
QB	DAVID RILEY, Ball State	6-02/185	Senior
RB	*ANDREW GREER, Ohio University	5-10/180	Senior
RB	BERNIE PARMALEE, Ball State	6-00/196	Junior
RB	DONNIE RILEY, Central Michigan	5-10/195	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	JOE TEKNIPP, Kent State	5-10/231	Senior
DL	DOUG KRAUS, Western Michigan	6-04/250	Senior
DL	JOEL SMEENGE, Western Michigan	6-06/238	Senior
DL	DOUG SPIDEL, Toledo	6-02/255	Senior
DL	J.J. WIERENGA, Central Michigan	6-04/250	Junior
LB	MARK DENNIS, Central Michigan	6-02/230	Senior
LB	GREG GARNICA, Ball State	6-01/210	Senior
LB	ANDY HARMON, Kent State	6-04/225	Junior
LB	SCOTT WYKA, Eastern Michigan	6-03/230	Senior
DB	CHARLES GORDON, Eastern Michigan	6-00/186	Senior
DB	LARRY HARGROVE, Ohio University	5-10/164	Senior
DB	DAVID JOHNSON, Central Michigan	6-02/180	Junior
DB	ROLAND TATUM, Toledo	6-02/205	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	KENNY STUCKER, Ball State	5-10/153	Soph.
P	CRIS SHALE, Bowling Green State	6-00/185	Junior


E. Riley


Shimek


Smeenge


Gordon

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	*PAUL AGEMA, Western Michigan	5-10/175	Senior
WR	ALLAN BOYKO, Western Michigan	6-02/174	Junior
WR	RON HEARD, Bowling Green State	5-10/175	Senior
TE	MARK HOPKINS, Central Michigan	6-02/235	Senior
T	JOHN KEENOY, Central Michigan	6-04/275	Senior
T	MARK STROIA, Kent State	6-03/243	Junior
C	DOUG MILLER, Western Michigan	6-01/264	Junior
G	TOM ADDIE, Bowling Green State	6-03/260	Senior
G	MIKE ROW, Eastern Michigan	6-03/275	Senior
QB	JEFF BENDER, Central Michigan	6-02/200	Soph.
RB	JOHN HOOD, Central Michigan	6-00/195	Senior
RB	NEIL TROTTER, Toledo	5-10/214	Junior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MARK ROSS, Bowling Green State	6-02/245	Soph.
DL	HERMAN BAINE, Eastern Michigan	6-01/250	Senior
DL	MIKE BASS, Eastern Michigan	6-03/277	Junior
DL	DERRICK CARR, Bowling Green State	6-05/255	Senior
DL	RALPH WIZE, Ball State	6-02/254	Senior
LB	RICH CURTISS, Central Michigan	6-02/215	Junior
LB	DAVID IAFOLLA, Miami (O.)	6-00/223	Senior
LB	JOHN MASSIMIANI, Kent State	6-01/236	Senior
LB	DAVID TERRY, Ohio University	6-02/225	Senior
DB	DAVID HAUGH, Ball State	6-01/195	Senior
DB	PAUL HAYNES, Kent State	6-00/182	Junior
DB	MIKE HOLMES, Bowling Green State	6-00/180	Senior
DB	KEITH SAUNDERS, Toledo	6-01/204	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	KEVIN NICHOLL, Central Michigan	5-11/175	Senior
P	DONNIE MULLENS, Ball State	6-03/233	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Hood


Trotter


Carr


Massimiani

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Riley, Central Mich.	215	1238	5.8	112.5
Greer, Ohio U.	193	863	4.5	78.5
Trotter, Toledo	163	783	4.8	78.3
Hood, Central Mich.	129	623	4.8	77.9

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
D. Riley, Ball State	263	168	1886	128.6
Bender, Cent. Mich.	169	93	1348	125.0
Sullivan, East. Mich.	205	114	1664	119.2
Melfi, Toledo	106	59	682	112.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
D. Riley, Ball State	108	1886	1994	181.3
Thornton, Ohio U.	575	1162	1737	157.9
Sullivan, East. Mich.	-130	1664	1534	153.4
Young, Kent St.	787	1650	1437	130.6

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
E. Riley, Ball State	41	457	11.1	4.6
Boyko, West. Mich.	44	483	11.0	4.0
Thornton, B.G.	41	589	14.4	3.7
Agema, West. Mich.	37	486	13.1	3.4

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Hood, Cent. Mich.	11	0	0	66	8.3
Stucker, Ball State	0	30	18	84	7.6
Nicholl, Cent. Mich.	0	35	12	71	6.5
Trotter, Toledo	9	2	0	58	5.3

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Shale, Bowling Green	56	2324	41.5
Mullens, Ball State	37	1332	36.0
Grombacher, Ohio U.	42	1460	34.8
Winters, Cent. Mich.	46	1573	34.2

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Hargrove, Ohio U.	22	266	1	11.6
Muddy, Cent. Mich.	20	167	0	8.3
Agema, West. Mich.	24	193	0	8.0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Hood, Cent. Mich.	9	223	0	24.8
Boyko, West. Mich.	25	618	0	24.7
Rush, Cent. Mich.	9	219	0	24.3

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Stucker, Ball State	23	18	.783	1.64
Nicholl, Cent. Mich.	14	12	.857	1.09
DelVerne, Ohio U.	15	8	.533	.73
Zeller, Bowling Green	15	8	.533	.73

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Johnson, Cent. Mich.	6	56	0	.55
Pringle, Ohio U.	4	109	1	.36
Garnica, Ball State	4	37	0	.36

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Western Michigan	7	1	0	9	3	0
Eastern Michigan	5	2	1	6	3	1
Ball State	5	3	0	8	3	0
Central Michigan	5	3	0	7	4	0
Ohio University	4	3	1	4	6	1
Toledo	4	4	0	6	5	0
Kent State	3	5	0	5	6	0
Bowling Green State	1	6	1	2	8	1
Miami of Ohio	0	7	1	0	10	1

er, tight end Mark Hopkins, is back.

Quarterback Jeff Bender was the league's 1988 Freshman of the Year, but the keys to the Chippewas' high-powered option offense are tailbacks Donnie Riley and John Hood. Riley, an all-league pick, rushed for 1,238 yards and Hood added 623 yards before missing the last three games with a knee injury. He underwent knee surgery in February, and his availability for this season is uncertain.

Fullback Joe Connolly is a solid blocker who carries the ball often enough to keep defenses honest. The offense also gets a boost from Kevin Nicholl, a dependable placekicker.

"I think we'll be a good offensive team," Deromedi said, "and we might be able to add in more passing than we've had in the past."

The defense has talent and experience at virtually every position. Deromedi has a good pair of linebackers in All-MAC pick Mark Dennis on the outside and Rich Curtiss on the inside. J.J. Wierenga and Dave Delekta are solid at the tackle spots, while safety David Johnson leads a respectable secondary.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Jim Harkema (29-34-3, 6 years; 97-63-4 overall, 16 years).
1988 record: 6-3-1. MAC: 5-2-1/2nd.
Key losses: Keith Bertram, LB; Brian Carter, DB; Jim Colosimo, C; Matt Klassa, OT; Bill Kupp, TE; Tom Menard, S; Craig Ostrander, FL; Mark Ziegler, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Steve Brockelbank, T, 6-3/257, Jr.; Bob Foster, TB, 5-10/197, Sr.; Mark McHugh, G, 6-1/261, Sr.; Charles Nash, FB, 5-9/235, Jr.; Mike Row, G, 6-3/275, Sr.; Tom Sullivan, QB, 6-2/205, Sr. **Defense (8):** Herman Baine, T, 6-1/250, Sr.; Mike Bass, T, 6-3/277, Jr.; Donshell English, LB, 6-2/266, Jr.; Charles Gordon, CB, 6-0/186, Sr.; Dean Nessen, LB, 6-1/204, Sr.; Brad Schmidt, LB, 6-2/231, Sr.; John Stoitsiadis, S, 6-0/200, Sr.; Scott Wyka, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.
Key returnees: Dan Bennett, WR, Jr. (switched from DB); Wayne Boyd, WR, Jr.; Mitch Brown, TB, Soph.; Brendan Flaherty, LB, Sr.; Perry Foster, TB, Soph.; Tim Henneghan, K, Sr.; Monty Kirkland, P, Jr.; Fred McClendon, LB, Soph.; Eric Towe, OT, Sr.
Top newcomers: Aaron Bailey, TB; Kevin Fairman, OL (JC); Mark Merritt, OL (JC); Joel Pakula, OL (JC); Joe Palandri, C (JC); Paul Powell, TB (RS); Rodney Screen, WR (RS); Eddie Smith, WR (RS); Bryan Wauldron, WR.
Schedule: Kent State, Sept. 2; Youngstown State, Sept. 9; at Ohio, Sept. 16; at Colorado State, Sept. 23; at Western Michigan, Sept. 30; Toledo, Oct. 7; Liberty, Oct. 14; Bowling Green, Oct. 21; at Central Michigan, Oct. 28; Miami (O.), Nov. 4; at Ball State, Nov. 11.
Site: Ypsilanti, Mich.

Eastern Michigan, the most successful team in MAC play over the last three years, heads into 1989 with high hopes of contending for the league title.

"We're awfully excited," Coach Jim Harkema said. "The ingredients are there for us to pull together and have a fine season."

Tom Sullivan returns at quarterback after passing for 1,664 yards last year, but his receiving corps was wiped out by graduation. If he can't find anyone to throw to, he'll be comfortable handing the ball off to tailbacks/brothers Bob and Perry Foster and bruising fullback Charles Nash.

"Oh, we'll throw the ball," Harkema said. "We have talent; they're just not proven. We have a couple young kids, Wayne Boyd and Eddie Smith, who are as quick as anything we've seen here.... It's just a question mark how they'll respond."

A couple of holes in the offensive line will be bolstered by four members of the MAC's fastest-growing fraternity—junior college transfers—and the return of tackle Eric Towe, who missed most of last year with an injury. Guard Mike Row is one of three returning starters up front.

The Hurons have fewer questions on defense with eight returning starters, including linebacker Scott Wyka, the team's leading tackler last year. Charles Gordon, one of the league's best cornerbacks, will be a fourth-year starter. Tackles Mike Bass and Herman Baine anchor a line that returns intact.



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BALL STATE

Coach: Paul Schudel (22-22, 4 years).
1988 record: 8-3. MAC: 5-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Brennan Baker, FB; Mose Carter, NG; Andy Engeman, OT; Todd Finnell, CB; Dave Malinski, DT; Brian Outlaw, OG; Greg Shackleford, DE; Mark Stevens, TB; Tim Walton, LB; Derrick Westfield, DE; Jason Whitlock, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Ted Ashburn, C, 6-2/267, Sr.; Herb Jackson, SE, 5-6/148, Jr.; Sean Jones, FL, 5-11/198, Sr.; David Riley, QB, 6-2/185, Sr.; Eugene Riley, TE, 6-3/229, Sr.; Todd Wright, G, 6-3/268, Jr. **Defense (4):** Andre Barnett, S, 6-3/215, Sr.; Greg Garnica, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.; David Haugh, S, 6-1/195, Sr.; Ralph Wize, T, 6-2/254, Sr.
Key returnees: Tom Barbee, FB, Jr.; Jeff Hammond, FL, Jr.; Tyree Harris, DB, Sr. (switched from SE); Donnie Mullens, P, Sr.; Bernie Parmalee, TB, Jr.; Shawon Respress, LB, Sr. (switched from DE); Mike Roessler, OT, Soph. (switched from DT); Kenny Stucker, K, Soph.; Adam Wilson, TB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Carlos Barefield, DE/S (JC); Christian Galdabini, DL (JC); Robert Glover, DB (JC); David Musselman, DL (JC); Keith Sparks, DB (JC); Sean Turner, DB (JC).
Schedule: At West Virginia, Sept. 2; at Rutgers, Sept. 9; at Bowling Green, Sept. 16; at Toledo, Sept. 23; Miami (O.), Oct. 7; at Kent State, Oct. 14; Western Michigan, Oct. 21; at Indiana State, Oct. 26; Central Michigan, Nov. 4; Eastern Michigan, Nov. 11; at Ohio, Nov. 18.
Site: Muncie, Ind.

Greg Garnica is proof that beauty lies in the eye of the beholder.

Ball State's senior linebacker has averaged 16.8, 17.1 and 14.1 tackles per game in his first three years and has been selected by the media as the MAC Defensive Player of the Year in the last two. On neither occasion, though, did the league's coaches vote him a first-team berth on the All-MAC team.

"I don't know about that," he said. "I guess I can't take anything away from the people who did make all-league, especially my teammates. Maybe this year will be my turn. It's certainly one of my goals. It provides me with a lot of incentive when I'm running and lifting weights."

Garnica may have to introduce himself to some defensive teammates this time around. Seven starters from a year ago are gone, but before anyone begins fretting for defensive-minded Coach Paul Schudel, it should be noted that all six of the Cardinals' junior college recruits play on that side of the ball.

"I feel like the old man out there," Garnica said, "and I know some people think defense is going to be our weak point because we lost so many people. But I'm confident we have some awfully good people ready to step in.

"Another factor is that we have a lot of skill on offense. They should be able to control the ball a lot, and that should help us out."

Ah, yes, the offense. Quarterback David Riley (1,886 yards passing last fall), tailback Bernie Parmalee (who earned All-MAC recognition after rushing for 747

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yards as the departed Mark Stevens' backup) and All-MAC tight end Eugene Riley (41 catches) are among the league's best at their positions. Center Ted Ashburn and guard Todd Wright also will be making a case for all-conference consideration this fall.

And Garnica does have some proven company on defense in the likes of tackle Ralph Wize and safeties Andre Barnett and David Haugh.

Placekicker Kenny Stucker and punter Donnie Mullens give the Cardinals the league's best kicking game. Stucker was prolific as a freshman last season, hitting on 18 of 23 attempted field goals.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Al Molde (14-9, 2 years; 120-66-6 overall, 18 years).
1988 record: 9-3 (lost to Fresno State in California Bowl). MAC: 7-1/1st.
Key losses: Willie Berrios, S; Robert Davis, RB; Kevin Haverdink, OT; Jamie Hence, SE; Bert Henderson, CB; Eric Hoffman, LB; Paul Johnson, DT (suspended from school); Tony Kimbrough, QB; Robert Oliver, FL; Gary VanderWeele, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Paul Agema, WR/RB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Allan Boyko, WR, 6-2/174, Jr.; Bruce Boyko, WR, 6-3/215, Sr.; Don Eastman, G, 6-4/253, Jr.; Paul Hutchins, T, 6-6/294, Soph. (switched from G); Doug Miller, C, 6-1/264, Jr. **Defense (7):** Terry Crews, E, 6-2/232, Jr.; Paul Davis, CB, 5-8/170, Sr.; Paul DeVries, LB, 6-1/203, Sr.; Brian Johnson, S, 5-9/186, Jr.; Doug Kraus, T, 6-4/250, Sr.; Sean Mulhearn, LB, 6-1/225, Jr.; Joel Smeenge, E, 6-6/238, Sr.
Key returnees: Scott Bell, CB, Sr.; Walter Cade, RB, Soph.; Steve Kingsley, S, Soph.; Scott Lonier, LB, Jr. (status questionable/knee injury in spring); Lance Ortega, P, Sr.; Doug Sleight, OG, Sr.; Scott Thomas, OG/OT, Sr. (ankle injury in motorcycle accident); Bob Wolf, OT, Soph.; Arthell Woods, S, Sr.; Bryan Wright, QB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Jay Baressi, K (RS); Andy Brotebeck, OG (transfer/Olivet); Daryl Fortenberry, QB (JC); Rod Hayhurst, QB (RS); Rick Rein, QB (RS); Damon Scott, QB (JC).
Schedule: Temple, Sept. 2; Louisiana Tech, Sept. 9; at Maryland, Sept. 16; at Kent State, Sept. 23; Eastern Michigan, Sept. 30; Central Michigan, Oct. 14; at Ball State, Oct. 21; Ohio, Oct. 28; at Toledo, Nov. 4; Bowling Green, Nov. 11; at Miami (O.), Nov. 18.
Site: Kalamazoo, Mich.

An explosive offense carried the Broncos to their first-ever outright league title last year. But if Western Michigan becomes the first MAC team to repeat as champion during the 1980s, it will be because of defense.

"That's a fair assessment," Coach Al Molde said. "Our defense got better and better as last season went on, and it should be a couple notches better this year. I'm particularly impressed with our linemen and linebackers."

The top linemen are tackle Doug Kraus and All-MAC end Joel Smeenge, a feared weak-side pass rusher who forced six fumbles and led the league with 20 tackles for 117 yards in losses. Paul DeVries and Sean Mulhearn are a good pair of starting linebackers, but depth there and in the secondary could be a problem.

"There's no question we'll have to play it a little differently, at least early," Molde said. "We'll have to depend on the defense to shut people down and get us some turnovers so our offense will have a shot at some short drives for scores. There are some pretty prominent names gone from our offense."

Molde will look to the junior college ranks to replace quarterback Tony Kimbrough, the league's Most Valuable Player last season. He is one of the Broncos' three departed all-league offensive players.

If Western Michigan can come up with the thrower, he'll have talented targets in Paul Agema and twins Allan and Bruce Boyko. The line also has proven players in center Doug Miller and guard-turned-tackle Paul Hutchins.

BOWLING GREEN STATE

Coach: Moe Ankney (12-20-1, 3 years).
1988 record: 2-8-1. MAC: 1-6-1/8th.
Key losses: Shawn Daniels, FB; David Haynes, OG; David Kinzie, DG; Kyle Kramer, S; Tony McCorvey, DB; Mike McGee, TB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Tom Addie, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; Ron Heard, FL, 5-10/175, Sr.; Kyle Hockman, TE, 6-3/216, Sr.; Billy Horn, C, 6-6/260, Jr. (switched from OT); Matt Kregel, T, 6-3/255, Soph.; Brian Sherman, G, 6-1/250, Jr. (switched from C); Reggie Thornton, SE, 5-11/175, Sr.; Ron Viscounte, FB, 5-11/220, Sr. **Defense (8):** Derrick Carr, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; Duane Crenshaw, LB, 6-2/230, Jr.; Toy Eason, LB, 6-4/220, Jr.; Mike Holmes, S, 6-0/180, Sr. (switched from CB); Dal McDonald, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.; D.J. Ogilvie, LB, 6-3/220, Soph.; Mark Ross, NG, 6-2/245, Soph.; Terry Wilson, S, 6-2/195, Soph.
Key returnees: Rich Dackin, QB, Sr. (missed spring/wrist); Charles Edgerton, TB, Sr.; Cris Shale, P, Jr.; Jason Zeller, K, Sr.
Top newcomers: Doug Atkin, LB (JC).
Schedule: At East Carolina, Sept. 9; Ball State, Sept. 16; Central Michigan, Sept. 23; Akron, Sept. 30; at Ohio, Oct. 7; Toledo, Oct. 14; at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 21; at Miami (O.), Oct. 28; Kent State, Nov. 4; at Western Michigan, Nov. 11; at Tulsa, Nov. 18.
Site: Bowling Green, O.

In 43 years of MAC football competition, either Bowling Green or Miami has won the championship a whopping 20 times. That dominance dissipated last season as Bowling Green posted a 1-6-1 league record while Miami went 0-7-1. The tie, as you may have guessed, occurred when the two squared off. Never before had they combined to hold down the league's bottom two rungs.

The Falcons, called "a young veteran team" by Coach Moe Ankney, will try to prevent that from happening again.

The Falcons have quarterback Rich Dackin back for a fourth season. Dackin missed the last six games of his junior season with a broken wrist and sat out spring practice. Assuming he mends properly, he will throw to All-WAC split end Reggie Thornton, flanker Ron Heard and sure-handed tight end Kyle Hockman. But the Falcons must improve a ground game that has gone three seasons without averaging 100 rushing yards per game.

"We've proved that we can't win without a running game, so we've given that top priority," Ankney said, adding that

Who'll Fill Kimbrough's Shoes?



Western Michigan Coach Al Molde is wondering how many feet might fit inside one pair of shoes.

Molde must replace Tony Kimbrough, the quarterback who led the Broncos to the 1988 Mid-American Conference championship and a California Bowl berth, and he isn't sure he has a single player who can fill the void.

A virtual certainty, however, is that the new quarterback will, like Kimbrough, be a junior college product.

"I can't begin to answer that question," Molde said. "But we do have a leader in Damon Scott. And the only reason he's the leader is that he was here for spring practice."



Damon Scott

Molde won't get a look at his other top candidate, Daryl Fortenberry, until fall drills begin.

"I've seen him on film and he throws the ball very well," Molde said of Fortenberry, a product of San Jose (Calif.) City College. "He's also very mobile."

Scott, who went to Compton (Calif.) Community College, showed excellent speed (4.6 seconds over 40 yards) and a promising arm during spring practice.

"He has all the raw tools," Molde said, "but his talents need to be refined for our type of offense."

Kimbrough was a natural for Molde's run-and-shoot attack. He was little short of brilliant a year ago when he led the league in passing efficiency and total offense. He was a big reason why Western Michigan went 9-3 and won its first-ever outright MAC championship.

"The two kids we have coming in are not anywhere close to Kimbrough's level, but there's no way we could expect that," Molde said.

Among the other candidates for the job is Rick Rein, a highly touted redshirt freshman. The only question regarding Rein is his mobility.

"He may figure in the picture," Molde said. "But it'll probably be one of the other two, or maybe both, or . . . who knows."

—DAVE HACKENBERG

tailback Charles Edgerton will be a key. He will be running behind a promising line that stars Tom Addie at guard.

The Falcons must fill a great void on defense. Gone is All-MAC safety Kyle Kramer, drafted in the fifth round by the Cleveland Browns.

Ankney has eight starters back from a defense that ranked eighth in the league. But the coach is hoping that such talented young players as tackle Derrick Carr, noseguard Mark Ross, linebackers Duane Crenshaw and Toy Eason and safeties Mike Holmes and Terry Wilson will be a year better.

The Falcons can claim an impressive 1-2 kicking punch in punter Cris Shale, who led the league with a 41.5-yard average a year ago, and placekicker Jason Zeller.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Coach: Cleve Bryant (8-35-1, 4 years).
1988 record: 4-6-1. MAC: 4-3-1/5th.
Key losses: J.D. Bradbury, OT; Bobby Cameron, WR; Bryan Faut, C; Cyle Feldman, WR; Jerry Lebold, TE; Ollie Perkins, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Miles Davidson, G, 6-1/275, Jr.; Andrew Greer, TB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Dana Griffin, FB, 6-1/205, Sr.; Don Shimek, T, 6-3/272, Sr.; Jim Swanson, TE, 6-3/224, Jr.; Anthony Thornton, QB, 6-1/185, Jr. **Defense (11):** Devlin Culliver, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.; John Evangelista, E, 6-2/238, Sr.; Bill Garrett, LB, 6-1/222, Sr.; Nehemiah Haire, S, 6-2/187, Soph.; Larry Hargrove, CB, 5-10/164, Sr.; Derek Hendrix, LB, 6-2/200, Jr.; Jack Leeder, E, 6-2/235, Sr.; Tim Pringle, S, 6-1/176, Sr.; Mike Recktenwalt, NT, 6-1/250, Sr.; Ed Shy, LB, 6-2/220, Sr.; David Terry, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.
Key returnees: Byron Cross, WR, Jr.; Jim Delverne, K, Soph.; Doug Davidson, TE, Soph. (switched from DT); Andy Grombacher, K, Jr.; David Miree, DT, Sr. (switched from TE); Chris Mobley, RB, Sr.; Mike Scott, QB, Sr.; Wayne Smith, FB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Jason Carthen, DL; Greg Cooks, QB; Tim Curtis, RB; Marcus Games, OL; Gerald Harris, WR (JC); Mike Jones, WR.
Schedule: At Toledo, Sept. 2; at Iowa State, Sept. 9; Eastern Michigan, Sept. 16; at Vanderbilt, Sept. 23; at Louisiana State, Sept. 30; Bowling Green, Oct. 7; at Miami (O.), Oct. 14; Kent State, Oct. 21; at Western Michigan, Oct. 28; at Central Michigan, Nov. 11; Ball State, Nov. 18.
Site: Athens, O.

There should be no surprises from the Bobcats. They have the league's most experienced team with the return of 17 starters, including all 11 on defense.

Ohio will do many of the same things it did a year ago en route to a much-improved 4-6-1 record. The Bobcats will just try to do them better.

"We had some success and we'll hope to improve on that," Coach Cleve Bryant said. "Anytime you have 11 starters back on defense, I think you can make an impact."

And the Bobcats certainly have some impact players.

Andrew Greer (863 yards rushing in '88) leads the way at tailback and, when joined by fullbacks Wayne Smith and Dana Griffin, the Bobcats have "as good a group of running backs as anyone in the league," Bryant said.

Add in slippery quarterback Anthony



With talent like safety Keith Saunders, Toledo plans to turn up the tempo of its defense.

Thornton, team-leading receiver Byron Cross, standout tackle Don Shimek and guard Miles Davidson, and the potential for a potent offense is obvious.

Bryant hopes his defense's experience will produce more consistency. Linebackers David Terry and Bill Garrett and cornerback Larry Hargrove will lead a squad that could turn the Bobcats into contenders for their first MAC title since 1968, providing they survive an early nonleague slate that includes games at Iowa State, Vanderbilt and Louisiana State.

TOLEDO

Coach: Dan Simrell (43-33-2, 7 years).
1988 record: 6-5. MAC: 4-4/6th.
Key losses: Jon Bowsher, S; Tyler Burdick, TE/P; Tom Gruno, LB; John Jones, CB; George Linberger, C; Mike McCreary, LB; Ken Moyer, OT; Bruce Nichols, K; Tim Olsen, OG; Todd Olsen, OG; John Perry, FB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Romauldo Brown, WR, 5-11/190, Jr.; Jerry Evans, TE, 6-5/237, Jr.; Rick Isaiah, WR, 6-0/167, Jr.; Craig Kuligowski, T, 6-4/287, Jr.; Mark Melfi, QB, 5-11/183, Jr.; Albert Thigpen, C, 6-3/226, Soph.; Neil Trotter, TB, 5-10/214, Jr. **Defense (8):** Marcus Amick, T, 6-0/268, Jr.; Phil Brown, E, 6-2/218, Sr.; Tony Hirsel, T, 6-3/253, Sr.; Keith Saunders, S, 6-1/204, Sr.; Doug Spidel, T, 6-2/255, Sr.; Roland Tatum, CB, 6-2/205, Sr.; James Townsend, E, 6-2/280, Sr.; Dan Vargo, S, 6-1/183, Jr.
Key returnees: Darren Anderson, CB, Soph.; David Andrews, FB, Soph.; Steve Bailey, LB, Soph.; Tony Borgerding, RB, Soph.; Dewayne Fletcher, S, Sr.; Alan Smiley, TB, Sr.; Dwayne Smith, LB, Jr.; Ben Tombaugh, FB, Soph.; David Walkosky, S, Soph.
Top newcomers: Maurice Bulls, LB; Bill Hardy, OL (JC); Charlie Humphrey, OT (JC); Jeff Lamb, LB (JC); Loa Manu, OT (JC); Tim Russ, OG (JC).
Schedule: Ohio, Sept. 2; at Wisconsin, Sept. 16; Ball State, Sept. 23; at Indiana, Sept. 30; at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 7; at Bowling Green, Oct. 14; Miami (O.), Oct. 21; at Kent State, Oct. 28; Western Michigan, Nov. 4; at Northern Illinois, Nov. 11; Central Michigan, Nov. 18.
Site: Toledo.

The Rockets hope that their strong finish a year ago—five victories in their last six games—will carry over into this season.

"We have to build upon the success we had at the end of last season," Coach Dan Simrell said. "It's time for some new people to step up and make their contributions to the team."

And there will be some new people, especially along the offensive line, where the Rockets will depend upon—you guessed it—some junior college recruits to replace a truly talented crew.

"Last season we had a lot of strengths in the offensive line and scored a lot of points," Simrell said. "I still want to see that offensive production, but I feel we're going to be an even better defensive team."

Tackle Doug Spidel, end Phil Brown, safety Keith Saunders and cornerback Roland Tatum make Simrell feel that way. In all, Toledo has eight returning defensive starters.

"We're going to increase the tempo of our defense because we have a lot of people returning," Simrell said.

Mark Melfi figures to start at quarterback again after earning mixed reviews last year. He will be working with some solid skill-position players, including tailback Neil Trotter, wide receivers Romauldo Brown and Rick Isaiah and tight end Jerry Evans. Otherwise, there are many question marks, and one of Simrell's answers will be to diversify the attack.

"We're going to start out the season as an I-formation team," he said, "but we're also going to get into split backs, shotgun, single-back, triple-back and spread formations."

KENT STATE

Coach: Dick Crum (5-6, 1 year; 111-57-4 overall, 15 years).
1988 record: 5-6. MAC: 3-5/7th.
Key losses: Chip Curtis, C; Jamie Howell, CB; Todd Kinder, SE; Andy Logan, S; Brien Naylon, OT; Fermin Olivera, FL; Mike Paschall, OT; Eric Timko, LB; Bert Weidner, DT; Tony Wells, CB; Eric Wilkerson, TB; Patrick Young, QB (not expected to return/academics.).
Starters returning: Offense (5): Jim Bell, G, 6-2/237, Sr.; Ray Carroscia, FB, 5-10/191, Sr.; Mark Cunningham, TE, 6-6/232, Sr.; Ben Stratton, G, 6-4/270, Sr.; Mark Stroia, G/T, 6-3/243, Jr. (missed spring/back). **Defense (6):** Andy Harmon, LB, 6-4/225, Jr.; L.D. Hartman, LB, 5-11/237, Sr.; Paul Haynes, S, 6-0/182, Jr.; John Massimiani, LB, 6-1/236, Sr.; Jeff Stepanik, T, 6-3/227, Sr.; Joe Teknipp, NG, 5-10/231, Sr.
Key returnees: J.D. Barnes, S, Jr.; Andy Caldwell, FB, Jr. (switched from LB); Chad Coffman, OT, Sr.; Joe Dalpra, QB, Soph.; Joe Headley, LB, Soph.; John Jackson, CB, Soph.; Aaron Kinebrew, TB, Jr.; Andre Palmer, SE, Sr.; Larry Steinberg, K, Sr.
Top newcomers: Shawn Barnes, WR (RS); Terry Daniels, FB/LB (RS).
Schedule: At Eastern Michigan, Sept. 2; at Akron, Sept. 9; at Kansas, Sept. 16; Western Michigan, Sept. 23; at N.C. State, Sept. 30; at Central Michigan, Oct. 7; Ball State, Oct. 14; at Ohio, Oct. 21; Toledo, Oct. 28; at Bowling Green, Nov. 4; Miami (O.), Nov. 11.
Site: Kent, O.

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SCOUTING THE MAC

Best siblings: Allan and Bruce Boyko, WR, Western Michigan. The Boyko twins put on quite an aerial show. They combined for 72 receptions for 826 yards and nine touchdowns last season. Bruce ranks sixth on the Broncos' career receiving list with 80 catches, while Allen ranks among the finest all-purpose players in the country.

Best siblings, runners-up: Bob and Perry Foster, TB, Eastern Michigan. These brothers finished 1-2 among Huron rushers last season, with Bob, a senior, gaining 762 yards and Perry, a sophomore, tallying 494. They accounted for 42.8 percent of the Hurons' points in 1988.

Best namesakes, non-siblings: Eugene Riley, TE, Ball State, and David Riley, QB, Ball State. Eugene caught 41 passes thrown by David to lead the Cardinals' passing game last fall. They return this season for one last dance.

The best but not the best: Greg Garnica, LB, Ball State. Garnica was awarded the MAC Defensive Player of the Year award the last two seasons, becoming the first player since Miami's Brad Cousino (1973-74) to accomplish that feat. But he has yet to receive first-team all-conference recognition. Go figure.

Best program: Central Michigan. Having won but two MAC titles, the Chippewas still receive the nod for consistency. Since joining the league in 1975, they have won 71.4 percent of their league contests. Herb Deromedi's troops will make it three crowns in 1989.

Best bet of the year: You won't see two MAC teams play each other on national TV this fall.

Best bet of the year, runner-up: Western Michigan defensive end Joel Smeenge is the best player you'll never see on the collegiate gridiron in 1989.

Another great bet: Miami won't finish this campaign winless again. But they might be close.

Best scenario: The conference dropping to Division I-AA. Having programs located within the vicinity of East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Columbus tends to obstruct mass support and does little for recruiting. The teams are sound, fundamental units that simply lack the speed and depth to compete on a Division I-A level. Just two of seven MAC coaches with three or more years of tenure (Deromedi and Toledo's Dan Simrell) have winning overall records. Case closed.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	C	B–	C	C–	C+	C	B–
EASTERN MICHIGAN	C+	C+	C–	C+	C	C	C
BALL STATE	C	C+	C	C–	C	C	B–
WESTERN MICHIGAN	C	C–	B–	B–	C	C	C–
BOWLING GREEN STATE	C	C	B–	C	C+	C–	B–
OHIO UNIVERSITY	C	C+	C–	C	C+	C	C+
TOLEDO	C–	C	C+	C	C–	C+	C–
KENT STATE	C–	C–	C–	C–	C+	C	C–
MIAMI OF OHIO	C–	C	C	D	C	D	D

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

The Golden Flashes were tabbed to win it all a year ago before slipping to a 3-5 league mark.

"We knew going into the season that we had some deficiencies, but you can't very well tell the media that they're barking up the wrong tree," Coach Dick Crum said.

Crum saw his greatest fears turn to reality when three top defensive players were injured.

"I thought it was significant that the two linebackers, L.D. Hartman and John Massimiani, came back near the end of the season and we won our last two games," Crum said. "It just illustrated how badly we had to develop depth.

"That was our Number 1 priority in recruiting and during spring practice. If it turns out we were successful, we'll have a much better defense."

Massimiani and Hartman return along with Andy Harmon, so the first-team personnel is solid at linebacker. The secondary has two good safeties in Paul Haynes and J.D. Barnes, and Joe Teknipp is one of the league's best noseguards.

Unless multitalented quarterback Patrick Young gets his grades in order, the Flashes' offense will be hurting. Sophomore Joe Dalpra, despite not being particularly quick or nimble, has shown the tenacity to be an able replacement for Young. But he would have to lead a largely unproven offense that features lineman Mark Stroia, who missed spring practice with a back injury.

"I know this: We have to become more consistent," Crum said. "We went through a stretch of four games last year where our offense had possession for barely more than 20 minutes. We can't afford more of that."

MIAMI OF OHIO

Coach: Tim Rose (29-36-2, 6 years).
1988 record: 0-10-1. MAC: 0-7-1/9th.
Key losses: Rob Bosart, DT; Lee Engleman, OG; Bob Getz, DT; Jim Harnett, DB; John Stofa, WR (dismissed from team); Chris Trainor, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Chris Alexander, TB, 6-0/213, Soph. (missed spring/foot); Andrew Billman, C, 6-4/252, Jr.; Bob Clark, SE, 5-9/157, Soph.; Thad Fidler, FB, 6-0/232, Soph.; Glen Huffman, TE, 6-4/218, Sr.; Rick Mileham, G, 6-3/265, Jr.; Chris Ondrula, QB, 6-2/200, Jr. **Defense (7):** Mike Crawford, DB, 6-0/194, Sr.; Andy Howard, LB, 6-2/218, Soph.; Mike Hyzdu, LB, 6-1/226, Sr.; David Iafolla, LB, 6-0/223, Sr.; Jerry Prochko, LB, 6-0/223, Sr.; Jon Wauford, LB, 6-3/241, Soph.; Mike Wilson, DB, 5-9/195, Jr.
Key returnees: Scott Barnett, DB, Jr.; Barry Hanks, QB, Sr.; Aaron Kromer, OT, Sr.; Mark Matthews, SE, Sr.; Jeff Ray, P, Soph.; Milt Stegall, FL, Soph.; Darryl Zehnder, K, Soph.
Top newcomers: Gordon Benning, WR; Robert Blanton, DB; Jason Franklin, DT; Joe Napoli, QB (JC); Tony Roob, OG; Bryan Scott, DB.
Schedule: At Purdue, Sept. 9; at Michigan State, Sept. 16; Cincinnati, Sept. 23; Central Michigan, Sept. 30; at Ball State, Oct. 7; Ohio, Oct. 14; at Toledo, Oct. 21; Bowling Green, Oct. 28; at Eastern Michigan, Nov. 4; at Kent State, Nov. 11; Western Michigan, Nov. 18.
Site: Oxford, O.

After a worst-ever 0-10-1 record, the Redskins and Coach Tim Rose know there is no way to stand pat.

Two areas that drew immediate attention were team speed on defense and consistency at quarterback, a position that produced 26 turnovers last season.

A junior college transfer, Joe Napoli, is challenging veterans Chris Ondrula and Barry Hanks at quarterback, and his arrival has allowed Rose to move Mark Kuzma, another quarterback, to tight end.

Whoever wins the quarterback job will find some veteran receivers in split end Bob Clark and tight end Glen Huffman. Chris Alexander has shown flashes of brilliance at tailback.

Albie Anderman, a fullback last season, will move to linebacker and Bennie Caldwell, a reserve tailback, has been switched to the secondary in an effort to improve defensive quickness. Linebacker David Iafolla is the only returning standout on defense. ■

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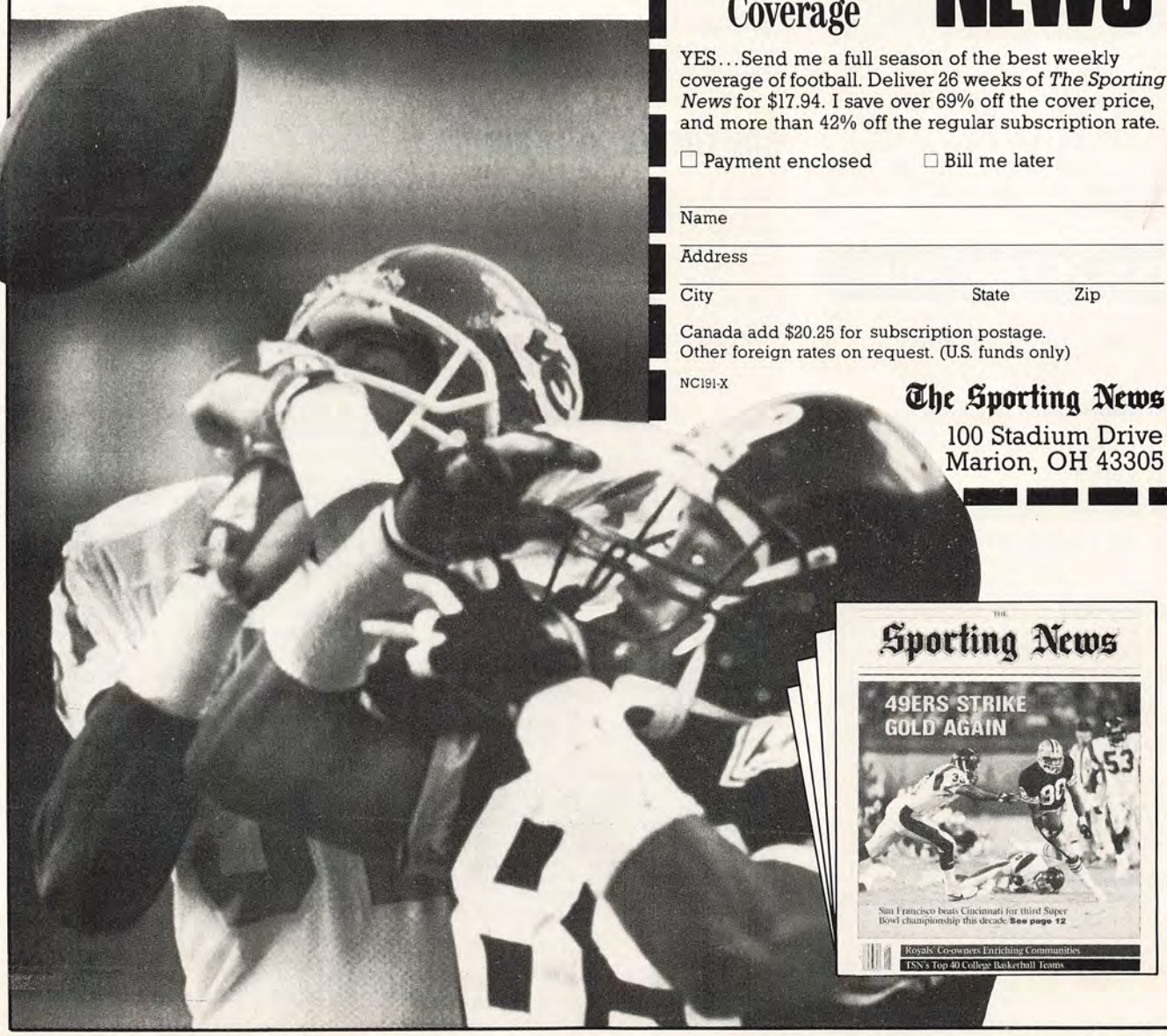
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Young QBs at USC, UCLA give others hope

By DON BORST
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The 1989 season could be one of those rare windows of opportunity for the eight-team second division of the Pacific-10 Conference. While young quarterbacks are cutting their teeth at Southern California and UCLA, every other team in the league recognizes a chance to take advantage.

Not that the Trojans or Bruins are rebuilding. But you've got to take what you can get, and the rest of the league will take its shots while the Los Angeles schools experiment with new quarterbacks. Gone to the National Football League are Rodney Peete and Troy Aikman, who led USC and UCLA, respectively, to a 26-2 record against the other eight Pac-10 teams the last two years.

Arizona, Oregon, California, Arizona State and Washington all have experience at quarterback and an eye on the Rose Bowl. Such opportunities do not come along often; only once in the last seven years and only four times in the last 17 has a team other than USC or UCLA managed to squeeze through the Western gate of the Rose Bowl.

So, when those two teams enter the season with clouded quarterback pictures, the other clubs had better be ready to pounce—and they are. It remains to be seen whether the Trojans and Bruins are vulnerable prey.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
   The Trojans, the best team in the West, have the nation's toughest defense.
2. **UCLA**
   The Bruins have the nation's best running backs but are in a rebuilding stage.
3. **ARIZONA**
   The Wildcats will contend for the title, especially if Veal is more consistent.
4. **ARIZONA STATE**
   The Sun Devils aren't lacking talentwise and could be a surprise contender.
5. **OREGON**
   With quarterback Musgrave healthy, the Ducks will go bowling.
6. **STANFORD**
   The addition of Green is worth a victory or two. The Cardinal will be improved.
7. **CALIFORNIA**
   Taylor will succeed UCLA's Aikman as the nation's best passer.
8. **WASHINGTON**
   Eight years ago, no one would've believed the Huskies could've fallen this far.
9. **WASHINGTON STATE**
   The loss of Rosenbach and Erickson leaves the Cougars circling the wagons.
10. **OREGON STATE**
    The Beavers, a respectable team in an excellent league, could surprise.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.



Running backs like Aaron Emanuel stand to make things much easier on USC's new quarterback.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Coach: Larry Smith (18-6, 2 years; 84-61-3 overall, 13 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (lost to Michigan in Rose Bowl). Pac-10: 8-0/1st.
Key losses: Erik Affholter, SE; John Guerrero, OT; Chris Hale, CB; Rodney Peete, QB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Dan Barnes, G, 6-4/265, Sr.; Aaron Emanuel, TB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Scott Galbraith, TE, 6-3/240, Sr.; Leroy Holt, FB, 6-0/215, Sr.; John Jackson, SE, 5-11/180, Sr.; Brad Leggett, C, 6-5/270, Sr.; Brent Parkinson, T/G, 6-6/260, Sr. (status questionable/academics); Mark Tucker, G, 6-3/265, Jr. **Defense (10):** Mark Carrier, S, 6-1/180, Jr.; Delmar Chesley, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Cleveland Colter, S, 6-1/195, Sr.; Don Gibson, NG, 6-3/250, Jr.; Craig Hartsuyker, LB, 6-4/215, Jr. (missed spring/foot); Dan Owens, DG, 6-4/260, Sr.; Scott Ross, LB, 6-2/225, Jr.; Tim Ryan, T, 6-5/250, Sr.; Ernest Spears, CB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Michael Williams, LB, 6-4/225, Sr.
Key returnees: Ron Dale, P, Soph.; Ricky Ervins, TB, Jr. (ankle injury in spring); Pat Harlow, OT, Jr. (switched from DT); Lamont Hollinquest, S, Soph. (status questionable/academics); Calvin Holmes, FL, Soph. (switched from TB); Scott Lockwood, TB, Jr.; Michael Moody, OT, Soph.; Pat O'Hara, QB, Jr.; Marvin Pollard, CB, Soph. (status questionable/academics); Quin Rodriguez, K, Jr.; Junior Seau, LB, Jr.; Cordell Sweeney, LB, Sr.; Brian Tuliau, LB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Rory Brown, FB; Brad Banta, TE; J.R. Chesley, LB (RS); Todd Marinovich, QB (RS); Joel Scott, SE (RS).
Schedule: Illinois (at Moscow), Sept. 2; Utah State, Sept. 16; Ohio State, Sept. 23; at Washington State, Sept. 30; Washington, Oct. 7; at California, Oct. 14; at Notre Dame, Oct. 21; Stanford, Oct. 28; Oregon State, Nov. 4; at Arizona, Nov. 11; UCLA, Nov. 18.
Site: Los Angeles.

They did it to the Pac-10 like no team had done it in more than a decade, and the Trojans appear ready to do it again.

Southern Cal swept to the first perfect league record in 12 years while outscoring its eight Pac-10 opponents by an average of 21 points per game. The Trojans had not only the league's best defense, but also the Offensive Player of the Year (Peete).

Except for the loss of Peete, this is pretty much the same team. So take second-team All-America safety Mark Carrier seriously when he says, "We want it all," meaning the Trojans intend to improve upon their 10-2 record of a year ago. Eighteen returning starters—10 on defense—give them that chance.

"Of course, I think we can be better," USC defensive coordinator Chris Allen said. "I think we have a chance to be better everywhere on the field."

Let's see, Coach Larry Smith appears to be blessed with the league's strongest defensive line, linebackers and secondary. That just about covers it.

Five Trojan defenders—linemen Tim Ryan and Dan Owens, linebacker Scott Ross and safeties Carrier and Cleveland Colter (who spent the spring and summer rehabilitating a knee following surgery)—represent more than half of the league's nine defensive players returning as first-team all-conference selections. Outside linebacker Junior Seau appears to be on the verge of exploding into one of the Trojans' most dominant players, and noseguard Don Gibson and linebacker Delmar Chesley are solid.

Obviously, defense is not a problem. And with most of the offensive line and all the running backs returning from last season, offense shouldn't be too big a problem, either. But Rodney Peete, Pat O'Hara is not. Therein lies hope for the rest of the league.

O'Hara earned the starting quarterback job in the spring in competition with redshirt freshman Todd Marinovich by pretty much doing what USC quarterbacks did before Peete took the position to another level: not fumble, not throw interceptions. In general, not mess up much.

That Scott Lockwood, Aaron Emanuel and Ricky Ervins (1,419 yards among them last season) return at tailback stands to make things much easier on O'Hara, not to mention having all-league fullback Leroy Holt to lean on. He also can work with a pair of good receivers in senior John Jackson and All-Pac-10 tight end Scott Galbraith.

Injuries and academic problems prevented the Trojans from settling on a group of linemen last spring, but with all-league guard Mark Tucker and center Brad Leggett, the Trojans have two of the league's best, with five other players considered starting-quality blockers.

UCLA

Coach: Terry Donahue (108-38-7, 13 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (beat Arkansas in Cotton Bowl). Pac-10: 6-2/2nd.



Mike Lodish, UCLA's fine defensive tackle, may be shifted to noseguard this season.

Key losses: Troy Aikman, QB; Eric Ball, RB; Darryl Henley, CB; Chance Johnson, LB; Carnell Lake, LB; Bobby Menifield, OT; Eric Smith, LB; Marcus Turner, CB; Jim Wahler, NG.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Charles Arbuckle, TE, 6-2/238, Sr.; Frank Cornish, C, 6-4/275, Sr.; Mark Estwick, FB, 5-10/239, Jr.; Mike Farr, FL, 5-10/192, Sr.; Rick Meyer, G, 6-6/275, Sr.; Reggie Moore, SE, 5-9/177, Jr.; Bill Paige, T, 6-4/282, Sr.; Lance Zeno, G, 6-4/275, Jr. **Defense (5):** Matt Darby, S, 6-2/207, Soph.; Craig Davis, LB, 6-2/223, Sr.; Mike Lodish, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Eric Turner, S, 6-1/207, Jr.; Bryan Wilcox, T, 6-7/268, Jr.
Key returnees: Corwin Anthony, TE, Jr.; Stacy Argo, LB, Soph.; Randy Beverly, CB, Sr.; Jimmy Bonds, QB, Soph.; Brian Brown, TB, Jr.; Anthony Burnett, S, Jr.; Stacey Elliott, DT, Jr. (switched from NG); Keith Jacobson, OT, Sr.; David Keating, SE, Sr.; Rocen Keeton, LB, Jr.; Dion Lambert, CB, Soph.; Kirk Maggio, P, Sr.; Mark McGill, S, Sr.; Marvcus Patton, LB, Sr.; Jon Pryor, NG, Sr. (switched from DT); Alfredo Velasco, K, Sr.; Shawn Wills, TB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Brian Allen, TE; Patrick Bates, DB; Willie Crawford, S (RS); Carlton Gray, DB; Brian Jacobs, OT (RS); Bret Johnson, QB (RS); Al Jordan, CB (RS; shoulder injury in spring); Scott Miller, SE (JC); Meech Shaw, LB (RS); Siitupe Tuala, NG (JC); Cory Wayland, DT (RS; missed spring/hamstring); Kevin Williams, TB (RS).
Schedule: Tennessee, Sept. 9; at San Diego State, Sept. 16; Michigan, Sept. 23; California, Sept. 30; Arizona State, Oct. 7; at Arizona, Oct. 14; at Oregon State, Oct. 21; Washington, Oct. 28; at Stanford, Nov. 4; Oregon, Nov. 11; at Southern Cal, Nov. 18.
Site: Los Angeles.

Let's put Terry Donahue's bowl streak in perspective: Seven consecutive seasons of winning bowl games, with five of those games on January 1 or 2. Nobody else—not Tom Osborne, Joe Paterno or even Bear Bryant—has ever done that.

But it's not enough, and the reasoning is simple: A rose by any other name may still be a rose, but a bowl by any other name just doesn't cut it.

For two years in a row, the Bruins have had some fun, won 10 games, been ranked in the Top 10—and missed the Rose Bowl.

"We were 10-2, win the Cotton Bowl, set a national record for the bowl wins, and there's still more to do," Donahue said. "That's part of the mentality around here. . . . I'd like to get back to the Rose Bowl."

Almost everybody on offense returns—except for Aikman. Otherwise, replacements for running back Eric Ball and tackle Bobby Menifield are ready, willing, able and experienced. The same can probably be said about quarterbacks Bret Johnson and Jimmy Bonds, except for the ready and experienced parts. They're willing and able, but whether they're ready remains to be seen, and they're anything but experienced.

The Bruins have a fine stable of tailbacks with 1988 backups Brian Brown and Shawn Wills and redshirt freshman Kevin Williams. Heading a strong receiving corps are wideouts Mike Farr and Reggie Moore and tight end Charles Arbuckle.

Donahue said the offensive line "will be as good as any we have had over the last several years," which is saying something. Frank Cornish could be the nation's best center this year, and few teams in the country have a pair of guards better than Rick Meyer and Lance Zeno.

The Bruins must replace six starters from a defense that featured five 1989 National Football League draft picks—cornerbacks Darryl Henley and Marcus Turner, linebackers Eric Smith and Carnell Lake and noseguard Jim Wahler.

Stacy Argo will join Craig Davis at inside linebacker, and Marvcus Patton and Rocen Keeton appear to be solid outside. Fine tackle Mike Lodish may be shifted to noseguard (as Wahler was last year). While there is plenty of speed and talent in the secondary, where Matt Darby and Dion Lambert stand out, it may take some juggling to find the right combination.

Alfredo Velasco returns for his third year as placekicker, having made 37 of 43 field-goal attempts in his career.

ARIZONA

Coach: Dick Tomey (11-8-3, 2 years; 74-54-6 overall, 12 years).
1988 record: 7-4. Pac-10: 5-3/T3rd.
Key losses: James DeBow, S; Brad Henke, DT; Derek Hill, WR; Doug Penner, OG; Joe Tofflemire, C; Alonzo Washington, FB; Dana Wells, NG; Rob Woods, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): John Brandom, G, 6-4/280, Sr.; Art Greathouse, RB, 5-11/204, Sr. (missed spring/heel); Kip Lewis, WR, 5-11/171, Sr.; Reggie McGill, RB, 5-9/192, Jr.; Glenn Parker, T, 6-6/294, Sr.; Ronald Veal, QB, 5-10/188, Jr. **Defense (8):** Zeno Alexander, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Todd Burden, CB, 6-1/182, Jr.; Darren Case, LB, 6-2/225, Jr.; Jeff Hammerschmidt, S, 5-

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PRESEASON ALL-PACIFIC-10 TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	JOHN JACKSON, Southern Cal	5-11/180	Senior
WR	TIM STALLWORTH, Washington State	5-11/171	Senior
TE	CHARLES ARBUCKLE, UCLA	6-02/238	Senior
T	MIKE BAILEY, Oregon State	6-05/269	Senior
T	GLENN PARKER, Arizona	6-06/294	Senior
C	FRANK CORNISH, UCLA	6-04/275	Senior
G	RICK MEYER, UCLA	6-06/275	Senior
G	MARK TUCKER, Southern Cal	6-03/265	Junior
QB	TROY TAYLOR, California	6-04/190	Senior
RB	*STEVE BROUSSARD, Washington State	5-07/210	Senior
RB	BRIAN BROWN, UCLA	5-10/187	Junior
RB	LEROY HOLT, Southern Cal	6-00/215	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	LESTER ARCHAMBEAU, Stanford	6-05/255	Senior
DL	DENNIS BROWN, Washington	6-04/300	Senior
DL	SHANE COLLINS, Arizona State	6-04/275	Soph.
DL	TIM RYAN, Southern Cal	6-05/250	Senior
DL	TONY SAVAGE, Washington State	6-04/285	Senior
LB	ROB HINCKLEY, Stanford	6-05/245	Senior
LB	SCOTT ROSS, Southern Cal	6-02/225	Junior
LB	JUNIOR SEAU, Southern Cal	6-03/240	Junior
LB	CHRIS SINGLETON, Arizona	6-03/246	Senior
DB	MARK CARRIER, Southern Cal	6-01/180	Junior
DB	CLEVELAND COLTER, Southern Cal	6-01/195	Senior
DB	MATT DARBY, UCLA	6-02/207	Soph.
DB	NATHAN LaDUKE, Arizona State	5-10/194	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	ALFREDO VELASCO, UCLA	5-10/188	Senior
P	ROBBIE KEEN, California	6-03/215	Junior

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MIKE FARR, UCLA	5-10/192	Senior
WR	REGGIE MOORE, UCLA	5-09/177	Junior
TE	SCOTT GALBRAITH, Southern Cal	6-03/240	Senior
T	CURT DYKES, Oregon	6-04/270	Senior
T	MARK HAYES, Arizona State	6-07/284	Junior
C	BRAD LEGGETT, Southern Cal	6-05/270	Senior
G	FEDEL UNDERWOOD, Arizona State	6-04/307	Senior
G	LANCE ZENO, UCLA	6-04/275	Junior
QB	BILL MUSGRAVE, Oregon	6-03/192	Junior
RB	ART GREATHOUSE, Arizona	5-11/204	Senior
RB	DEREK LOVILLE, Oregon	5-10/196	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	DON GIBSON, Southern Cal	6-03/250	Junior
DL	JOEL DICKSON, California	6-03/250	Senior
DL	MIKE LODISH, UCLA	6-03/260	Senior
DL	PELLOM McDANIELS, Oregon State	6-03/260	Senior
DL	DAN OWENS, Southern Cal	6-04/260	Senior
LB	STACY ARGO, UCLA	6-03/236	Soph.
LB	DELMAR CHESLEY, Southern Cal	6-02/235	Senior
LB	KEVIN SINGLETON, Arizona	6-02/231	Senior
LB	MARK TINGSTAD, Arizona State	6-01/216	Senior
DB	EUGENE BURKHALTER, Washington	6-01/200	Junior
DB	DION LAMBERT, UCLA	6-00/178	Soph.
DB	DARRYL LEWIS, Arizona	5-09/187	Junior
DB	*CHRIS OLDHAM, Oregon	5-09/180	Senior
DB	ERIC TURNER, UCLA	6-01/207	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JASON HANSON, Washington State	6-00/170	Soph.
P	MARK BENNETT, Oregon State	6-01/193	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Stallworth


Taylor


Hinckley


Colter


Hayes


Zeno


Lewis


Oldham

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Broussard, Wash. St.	189	1141	6.0	114.1
Loville, Oregon	265	1202	4.5	100.2
Volpe, Stanford	228	1027	4.5	93.4
Swinton, Wash. State	209	980	4.7	89.1

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Taylor, California	330	202	2416	130.2
Justin, Arizona St.	150	84	1063	123.9
Palumbis, Stanford	228	128	1569	119.4
Conklin, Wash. State	302	153	1833	105.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Taylor, California	136	2416	2552	232.0
Conklin, Wash.	116	1833	1949	177.2
Palumbis, Stanford	-90	1569	1479	134.5

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Farr, UCLA	62	652	10.5	5.6
Stallworth, Wash. St.	55	1031	18.7	5.0
Chaffey, Oregon St.	45	540	12.0	4.5
Jackson, So. Cal	45	586	13.0	4.1

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Velasco, UCLA	0	41	16	89	8.1
Keen, California	0	23	21	86	7.8
Hanson, Wash. St.	0	43	14	85	7.7
Hopkins, Stanford	0	25	19	82	7.5

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Keen, California	53	2255	42.5
Bennett, Oregon State	47	1828	38.9
Hopkins, Stanford	44	1625	36.9
Canton, Washington St.	58	2016	34.8

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Obee, Oregon	42	409	0	9.7
Grant, Stanford	30	207	0	6.9
Doctor, Washington St.	35	236	0	6.7
LaDuke, Arizona St.	20	127	0	6.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Oldham, Oregon	26	764	1	29.4
Scott, Stanford	26	596	1	22.9
Grant, Stanford	16	334	0	20.9

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Keen, California	25	21	.840	1.91
Hopkins, Stanford	24	19	.792	1.73
Velasco, UCLA	18	16	.889	1.45

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Oldham, Oregon	5	112	0	.42
Young, Oregon	4	26	0	.36
Colter, USC	3	58	1	.33

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Southern California	8	0	0	10	2	0
UCLA	6	2	0	10	2	0
Washington State	5	3	0	9	3	0
Arizona	5	3	0	7	4	0
Arizona State	3	4	0	6	5	0
Washington	3	5	0	6	5	0
Oregon	3	5	0	6	6	0
Oregon State	2	5	1	4	6	1
Stanford	1	5	2	3	6	2
California	1	5	1	5	5	1

10/188, Jr.; Reggie Johnson, T, 6-4/233, Jr.; Darryl Lewis, CB, 5-9/187, Jr.; Chris Singleton, LB, 6-3/244, Sr.; Kevin Singleton, LB, 6-2/231, Sr.
Key returnees: Gary Coston, K, Jr.; David Eldridge, RB, Sr. (ankle injury in spring); Nick Fineangonofo, OG, Soph. (switched from DT); Reggie Gaddis, DT, Sr. (RS); Ken Hakes, DT, Sr.; Mario Hampton, FB, Soph.; Scott Geyer, S, Sr.; John Nies, P/K, Sr.; Mike Parker, LB, Jr. (RS/ankle); Doug Pfaff, P/K, Sr.; Pete Russell, NG, Sr.; Melvin Smith, WR, Sr.; Paul Tofflemire, C, Soph. (switched from OT).
Top newcomers: Marion Bates, DB (Prop 48); Michael Bates, RB; Heath Bray, WR (RS); James Bullock, DB (JC); Joel Glick, TE (JC); Paul Glonek, NG (transfer/Iowa); Richard Griffith, TE (RS); George Malauulu, QB (RS); Olatide Ogunfiditimi, WR (transfer/Michigan); Ty Parten, OT (RS; switched from DT); Errol Sapp, WB; Anthony Smith, DT (transfer/Alabama); Marcel Wade, LB (RS).
Schedule: Stanford, Sept. 2; at Texas Tech, Sept. 9; Oklahoma, Sept. 16; Washington, Sept. 23; at Oregon, Sept. 30; UCLA, Oct. 14; at Washington State, Oct. 21; Pacific, Oct. 28; at California, Nov. 4; Southern Cal, Nov. 11; at Arizona State, Nov. 25.
Site: Tucson.

After establishing themselves as perhaps the best team in the country not to get into a bowl game last year, the Wildcats plan to make sure that doesn't happen again. In fact, the road to Pasadena may go through Tucson this year because Pac-10 favorites USC and UCLA both play in Arizona Stadium. The Wildcats might have to knock off at least one of them to break through.

Arizona has eight returning starters on a fine defense. Linebackers Chris and Kevin Singleton are the best twin-brother duo in the country, with Chris lining up outside and Kevin inside. They help give Arizona a linebacking unit that rivals USC's as the best in the league. The secondary isn't bad, either, with cornerback Darryl Lewis and two other starters back.

Then there's the defensive line, where Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year Dana Wells and solid Brad Henke must be replaced. Unusually good depth, supplemented by transfers Paul Glonek (from Iowa) and Anthony Smith (from Alabama, via a junior college), keeps Coach Dick Tomey from worrying much about that side of the ball.

The big concern is the offensive line, where four-year starting center Joe Tofflemire will be replaced by his younger brother, Paul. Two other starters must be found to work with tackle Glenn Parker and guard John Brandom.

Ronald Veal, the Wildcats' primary quarterback the last two years, is the key to an effective offense. He has shed 12 pounds and become "a step or two quicker," Tomey said, "and that makes a big difference in running the option."

Top halfbacks David Eldridge and Art Greathouse were expected to be nursing injuries as the Wildcats opened fall camp and possibly into the early season. Reggie McGill would be the only seasoned halfback left, but with the addition of seven highly touted prep runners, finding ballcarriers should not be a major concern.

Offensive coordinator Ben Griffith left for Texas Christian, and at least part of his run-and-shoot went with him. New coordinator Rip Scherer is seeking better efficiency with the pass and plans more skulduggery to keep defenses guessing.



Arizona State's seasoned secondary is led by splendid safety Nathan LaDuke.

ARIZONA STATE

Coach: Larry Marmie (6-5, 1 year).
1988 record: 6-5. Pac-10: 3-4/5th.
Key losses: Robby Boyd, S; Scott Claypoole, OG; Daniel Ford, QB; Chris Garrett, SE; Greg Joelson, DE; Tony Johnson, FL; Scott Kirby, OT; Doug Larson, OG; Saute Sapolu, DE; Steve Spurling, C.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Kelvin Fisher, FB, 5-10/199, Soph.; Lynn James, FL, 6-1/191, Sr.; Ryan McReynolds, TE, 6-7/252, Jr.; Bruce Perkins, TB, 6-2/229, Sr.; Fedel Underwood, G, 6-4/299, Sr. (switched from OT). **Defense (8):** Don Chuhlantseff, NG, 6-2/241, Sr.; Shane Collins, T, 6-4/275, Soph.; Lawrence Hubley, CB, 5-11/178, Sr.; Nathan LaDuke, S, 5-10/194, Jr.; Drew Metcalf, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Israel Stanley, E, 6-3/241, Soph.; Eddie Stokes, CB, 5-8/158, Sr.; Mark Tingstad, LB, 6-1/216, Sr.
Key returnees: Leland Adams, SE, Sr.; Vic Cahoon, WR, Jr.; Eric Crawford, CB, Jr.; Eddie Grant, C, Sr.; Mark Hayes, OT, Jr.; Bryan Hooks, DE, Soph.; Terence Johnson, LB, Jr.; Paul Justin, QB, Jr.; Tim Landers, DE, Soph.; Steve Martin, FL, Jr.; David Winsley, TB, Sr.; Darren Woodson, LB, Soph. (RS/back); Alan Zendejas, K, Sr.
Top newcomers: Richard Davis, NG (RS/elbow); Ron Fair, FL (RS/shoulder); Kevin Galbreath, TB (Prop 48); Eric Guliford, WR (RS); Pat Mason, DT (JC); Sam Newton, OL (JC); Steve Rausch, K/P (RS); Jeff Simoneau, FB (RS); Phillippi Sparks, CB (JC); Michael Williams, LB (JC); Reggie Yarbrough, TB (JC).
Schedule: Kansas State, Sept. 9; San Jose State, Sept. 16; Houston, Sept. 23; Missouri, Sept. 30; at UCLA, Oct. 7; at Oregon State, Oct. 14; Oregon, Oct. 21; Washington State, Oct. 28; at Washington, Nov. 4; Stanford, Nov. 11; Arizona, Nov. 25.
Site: Tempe, Ariz.

After surviving a rebuilding season in his first year as Sun Devils coach, Larry Marmie is intent upon returning Arizona State to the high-rent district.

Eight home games should help the cause. The Sun Devils' first four games are non-conference affairs at Sun Devil Stadium against opponents with a combined 1988 record of 16-28-1.

That's just the kind of season-opening schedule that quarterback Paul Justin and his crew need to gain confidence and momentum. Justin, who put up respectable numbers upon becoming the starter midway through last season, will be asked to open up the offense somewhat. "He's really developed for us," Marmie said, "and I think he can keep getting better."

The same probably could be said for the team, although there were some troublesome areas in the spring. Six projected starters on defense, for instance, missed most or all of the spring with injuries, and defensive tackle Shane Collins was busy throwing the shot put. Most notably, inside linebackers Drew Metcalf and Mark Tingstad were bothered by neck problems.

The offensive line is the other trouble spot, with only one returning starter and some genuine uncertainties. But guard Fedel Underwood and tackle Mark Hayes provide a foundation for a decent unit. Justin, tailback Bruce Perkins and flanker Ron Fair are the top skill-position players.

Collins is a budding superstar, and highly touted, oft-injured noseguard Richard Davis will get one last shot to show his stuff. Davis, in fact, may be the key to this team because he could reduce some blocking attention on Collins and relieve pressure on the linebacking corps, which already is suspect.

The secondary, led by splendid safety Nathan LaDuke, is seasoned and talented.

OREGON

Coach: Rich Brooks (52-77-4, 12 years).
1988 record: 6-6. Pac-10: 3-5/T6th.
Key losses: Sam Archer, SE; Matt Brock, DE; Thom Kaumeyer, S; Scott Kozak, LB; Joe Taylor, DE; Scot Whitney, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (10): Latin Berry, FB, 5-10/207, Sr.; Scot Boatright, C, 6-2/250, Jr.; Curt Dykes, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Chris Husko, G, 6-3/258, Sr.; Todd Kunzman, T, 6-4/285, Sr.; Derek Loville, TB, 5-10/196, Sr.; Joe Meerten, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Bill Musgrave, QB, 6-3/192, Jr.; Terry Obee, FL, 5-11/183, Sr.; Andy Sunia, G, 5-11/284, Jr. **Defense (6):** Peter Brantley, LB, 6-4/228, Jr.; David Cusano, NT, 6-2/255, Sr.; Derek Horton, S, 5-11/184, Sr.; Mark Kearns, LB, 6-2/218, Sr.; Chris Oldham, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Brett Young, CB, 5-10/181, Sr.
Key returnees: Rory Dairy, S, Jr.; Bjarne Jensen, LB, Sr.; Kyle Kozak, S, Soph. (RS/knee); Matt LaBounty, DE, Soph.; Gregg McCallum, K, Soph.; Marc Penso, P, Sr.; Joe Reitzug, SE, Jr.; Andre Williams, DE, Jr.
Top newcomers: Eric Castle, SE (RS); Eric Dozier, LB (JC); Joe Farwell, LB (RS); Greg Griffin, S (JC); Daryle Smith, CB (JC).
Schedule: California, Sept. 9; at Iowa, Sept. 16; at Stanford, Sept. 23; Arizona, Sept. 30; Washington State, Oct. 7; at Washington, Oct. 14; at Arizona State, Oct. 21; Long Beach State, Oct. 28; at Brigham Young, Nov. 4; UCLA, Nov. 11; Oregon State, Nov. 18.
Site: Eugene, Ore.

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Now that the Ducks have gotten to the point that they are treading water in the middle of the Pac-10, Coach Rich Brooks is looking for ways to get them to play an entire season—with or without their No. 1 quarterback.

"We've established ourselves as a solid, consistent football team that nobody can take lightly," he said, alluding to a 28-28 record over the last five years, when Oregon has won five or six games each season. "Now we need to put all of those pieces together and have some good luck with injuries, and we can have ourselves the great year."

Fast starts of 4-1 in 1987 and 6-1 last season were wasted when key injuries precipitated collapses. The most critical loss last year was quarterback Bill Musgrave, who suffered a broken collarbone in the eighth game. The Ducks went 0-5 in his absence. Backups Pete Nelson and Bob Brothers were disastrous, although Brooks said the Ducks will "be much better off than we were last year if Musgrave was to go down again." But a healthy Musgrave could be the difference between a bowl game and another six-win season.

With Musgrave, 1,202-yard rusher Derek Loville, all-purpose flanker Terry Obee and the offensive line returning intact, the Ducks may have one of the league's most potent offenses.

Injuries also hurt the Ducks on defense last season, especially when linebacker Mark Kearns suffered a knee injury. Kearns is back with five other starters on a defense that will depend increasingly on quickness and hope for strength in numbers. Second-round NFL draft choice Scott Kozak will be replaced at linebacker by Bjarne Jensen, while the combination of Matt LaBounty and Andre Williams must offset the loss of all-league end Matt Brock. All-Pac-10 cornerback Chris Oldham leads a potentially strong secondary.

STANFORD

Coach: Dennis Green (first year at Stanford; 10-45 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 3-6-2. Pac-10: 1-5-2/9th.
Key losses: Robbie Coffin, OT; Henry Green, WR; Ray Huckestein, NG; Kevin Richardson, LB; Andy Sinclair, C; Rick Theder, S; John Zentner, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Walter Batson, WR, 5-10/175, Jr.; Chuck Gillingham, C, 6-4/265, Jr. (switched from G); Jason Palumbis, QB, 6-3/205, Soph.; Andy Papathanassiou, G, 6-4/265, Sr.; Jon Volpe, FB, 5-7/195, Jr. (shoulder surgery in spring); Chris Walsh, WR, 6-1/185, Soph.; Charlie Young, TB, 6-1/205, Jr. **Defense (8):** Lester Archambeau, T, 6-5/255, Sr. (missed spring/knees); Rob Englehardt, S, 6-1/195, Sr.; Alan Grant, CB, 5-10/187, Sr.; Rob Hinckley, LB, 6-5/245, Sr.; Bruce Lang, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Scott Palmbush, T, 6-4/255, Jr.; Kevin Scott, CB, 5-11/182, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Jono Tunney, LB, 6-2/235, Jr.
Key returnees: Darran Baird, OG, Jr.; Cory Booker, TE, Soph. (switched from WR); John Carpenter, OT, Soph.; Scott Eschelman, FB, Sr.; John Hopkins, K/P, Jr.; Brian Johnson, QB, Jr.; Tuan Van Le, CB, Soph.; Ed McCaffrey, WR, Jr. (RS/thigh); Eric Pierce, LB, Jr. (broke leg in spring); Jim Price, TE, Sr.; Ryan Shea, DE, Soph.
Top newcomers: Eric Anhalt, OG (RS); Estevan Avila, NT (RS); Herbie Berry, S (RS; switched from RB); Chris Dalman, C (RS); Kevin Puk, LB (RS); Steve Smith, QB (RS); Paul Stonehouse, K/P.
Schedule: At Arizona, Sept. 2; at Oregon State, Sept. 9; Oregon, Sept. 23; San Jose State, Sept. 30; Notre Dame, Oct. 7; at Washington State, Oct. 14; Utah, Oct. 21; at Southern Cal, Oct. 28; UCLA, Nov. 4; at Arizona State, Nov. 11; California, Nov. 18.
Site: Stanford, Calif.

In struggling to a 3-6-2 record a year ago, Stanford ranked eighth in the league in total defense and 10th in total offense. So why is everyone, including new Coach Dennis Green, talking about bowl games and the fine nucleus of players Jack Elway left behind?

Fifteen returning starters—including all-league linebacker Rob Hinckley and all-league running back Jon Volpe—are a big reason. And of the eight games the Cardinal lost or tied in '88, six were decided by four or fewer points.

Green, an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers the last three years, is borrowing liberally from the 49ers' playbook on both offense and defense. Out is Elway's weekly experiment with the run-and-shoot. In are the Bill Walsh alignments that delighted Stanford fans in 1977 and 1978 (when Green was an assistant) with 17 victories and two bowl games.

Slotback Charlie Young is returning to his natural position of tailback, and 1,027-yard fullback Volpe was happy to move over to make room in a twin-back set. The wide receivers may be the best in the Pac-10, especially with the return of 1987 standout Ed McCaffrey, who redshirted in '88 with a leg injury.

Now, if the coach could just decide who will distribute the ball. Redshirt freshman Steve Smith was pressing former starters Brian Johnson and Jason Palumbis for the No. 1 job in the spring, and Green insisted the winner would be asked only to "lead the team without having to do too much all by himself."

The offensive line—with only two returning starters and little depth—could become a major problem.

The defense has some exceptional players in Hinckley, tackle Lester Archambeau and cornerback Alan Grant, but they must elevate their play and their teammates in critical situations for Stanford to improve substantially.

CALIFORNIA

Coach: Bruce Snyder (8-11-3, 2 years; 47-48-4 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 5-5-1. Pac-10: 1-5-1/10th.
Key losses: Steve Andersen, OG; Robert Dos Remedios, C; Steve Hendrickson, LB; Darryl Ingram, TE; Joe Nelms, DT; Todd Powers, FB; Chris Richards, TB; Derek Taylor, S; Natu Tuatagaloa, DT; Majett Whiteside, NG; Dave Zawatson, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Troy Auzenne, T, 6-7/250, Soph.; Mike Ford, WR, 6-2/210, Sr.; Michael Smith, WR, 6-1/185, Sr.; Tony Smith, G, 6-3/285, Sr.; Troy Taylor, QB, 6-4/190, Sr. **Defense (6):** Ron English,

Who'll Fill Aikman's Shoes?



Now that Troy Aikman, the bonus baby who wound up on Terry Donahue's doorstep a couple of years ago, has grown up and moved away, reality will return at quarterback at UCLA.

A return to normalcy in Westwood is a return to uncertainty at quarterback. For the sixth time in seven years, the starting job is up for grabs going into the season. This time, it's Bret Johnson and Jimmy Bonds. Call it a quarterback controversy if you will, but Donahue's formula seems to work.



Bret Johnson

"We've been through this before," the coach said. "At some point, we'll have to make a decision who will start the first game. But whoever isn't starting will have to be ready to get called in from the bullpen. We've done that a couple of times, too, and with the inexperience that these two players have, I can't expect either of them to have a hot hand all the time."

Inexperience is nothing new for a UCLA quarterback. Last season, Aikman became the first returning starter in six years. But what one-year starters Rick Neuheisel, Steve Bono, David Norrie and Matt Stevens had that Johnson and Bonds do not is experience in the Bruins' system. Each was a fifth-year senior. These guys are a third-year sophomore (Bonds) and a redshirt freshman (Johnson).

Both players were highly recruited, and each was identified early by the Bruins as their top quarterback recruit that year. Even in high school, they were called "UCLA-style" quarterbacks—strong-armed, mobile and short. Both are a shade under 6-foot, but that's not unusual in Donahue's system. Bonds has a strong arm, and Johnson has displayed good quickness and "escape ability."

Neither quarterback will be expected to pass the Bruins to the Rose Bowl right away—something even Aikman didn't do in his two years at UCLA. "I suspect," Donahue said, "we'll see an offense that is more centered on the tailback."

—DON BORST

S, 6-2/200, Jr.; John Hardy, CB, 6-0/180, Sr.; DeWayne Odom, LB, 6-3/230, Jr.; Travis Oliver, CB, 6-1/180, Sr.; David Ortega, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Dan Slevin, LB, 5-11/220, Sr.
Key returnees: Cornell Collier, LB, Soph.; Joel Dickson, DT, Sr. (missed 7 games in '88/gunshot wound); Darrin Greer, S, Sr.; Tim Jenkins, TB, Soph.; Dwayne Jones, S, Sr.; Robbie Keen, K/P, Jr.; Ernie Rogers, OT, Jr. (missed spring/foot); Ray Sanders, S, Soph. (RS/academics); Bob Schellenberg, FB, Soph.; Junior Tagaloa, WR, Sr.; Brian Treggs, WR, Soph.; Bruce Vidmar, LB, Sr.; Chris Westerman, OG, Jr.; David Wilson, S, Soph.
Top newcomers: Rhett Hall, DT (JC); Ben Morgan, C (JC); James Richards, OG (JC; switched from OT); Damien Semien, WR; Sam Stahlheber, OT (RS); Mike Travis, NG (RS); Russell White, TB (status questionable/academics); Greg Zomalt, TB.
Schedule: At Oregon, Sept. 9; at Miami (Fla.), Sept. 16; Wisconsin, Sept. 23; at UCLA, Sept. 30; San Jose State, Oct. 7; Southern Cal, Oct. 14; Washington, Oct. 21; Oregon State, Oct. 28; Arizona, Nov. 4; Washington State, Nov. 11; at Stanford, Nov. 18.
Site: Berkeley, Calif.

Troy Taylor is the Pac-10's best quarterback. But for the Golden Bears to succeed—and for Taylor to survive—he might have to become the league's best running back, too. Taylor, who has passed for 4,497 yards and 34 touchdowns in the last two years, also has been sacked 73 times.

"If we can give him the time, he can be a great one," Coach Bruce Snyder said. "Great quarterbacks who have great years—guys like Steve Walsh and Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete—don't get sacked very much. We need to cut our sacks in half."

But the Bears have little experience on the offensive line, and three projected starters missed most or all of spring practice with injuries. And the running-back ranks are so depleted that a trio of pure freshmen could scoot up the depth chart this fall.

The receivers, after a disappointing '88, will be expected to make more big plays and drop fewer passes. Junior Tagaloa and Mike Ford are potential game-breakers. Cal's ace in the hole is second-team All-America Robbie Keen, who led the league in kicking (21 of 25 on field-goal tries) and punting (42.6-yard average).

Despite having two defensive linemen drafted by the NFL (Natu Tuatagaloa and Joe Nelms) and the other (Majett Whiteside) gone after four years as a starter, Snyder said the Bears have a chance to be improved up front. Tackle Joel Dickson and junior college transfer Rhett Hall figure to be good pass rushers.

If Snyder is right, Cal could be good defensively. The standouts behind the line are linebacker David Ortega and cornerback John Hardy.

WASHINGTON

Coach: Don James (114-48-2, 14 years; 139-69-3 overall, 18 years).
1988 record: 6-5. Pac-10: 3-5/T6th.
Key losses: Ricky Andrews, LB; Scott Fitzgerald, SE; Darryl Hall, S; Aaron Jenkins, FB; Scott Jones, OT; Brian Slater, FL; Vince Weathersby, TB; Brett Wiese, OG; Tony Zackery, CB; Mike Zandofsky, OT.



Washington tackle Dennis Brown at times has been the best defensive player in the league.

Starters returning: Offense (4): Bern Brostek, C, 6-3/275, Sr.; Cary Conklin, QB, 6-4/215, Sr.; Mark Kilpack, TE, 6-5/235, Jr.; Dean Kirkland, G, 6-3/277, Jr. **Defense (8):** Dennis Brown, T, 6-4/300, Sr.; Eugene Burkhalter, S, 6-1/200, Jr.; Brett Collins, LB, 6-2/218, Soph.; Chico Fraley, LB, 6-2/205, Soph.; Martin Harrison, LB, 6-5/230, Sr.; Jeff Kohlwes, DT, 6-4/274, Jr. (switched from MG); Le-Lo Lang, CB, 5-11/181, Sr.; Travis Richardson, E, 6-4/245, Jr.
Key returnees: Eric Alozie, WR, Soph. (switched from QB); Mario Bailey, SE, Soph. (thigh injury in spring); Eric Briscoe, S, Jr.; James Clifford, LB, Soph.; Eric Canton, P, Jr.; James Compton, FB, Jr.; Adam Cooney, OT, Jr.; William Doctor, CB, Soph.; Mark Jones, LB, Jr.; Greg Lewis, TB, Jr.; Siupeli Malamala, OT, Soph.; John McCallum, K, Sr.; Orlando McKay, FL, Soph. (missed spring/ribs); Jeff Pahukoa, OG, Jr.; Aaron Pierce, TE, Soph. (hand injury in spring); Andre Riley, SE, Sr. (missed spring/knee).
Top newcomers: Marc Jones, SE; Charles Mincy, CB (JC); Tommie Smith, DB.
Schedule: Texas A&M, Sept. 9; Purdue, Sept. 16; at Arizona, Sept. 23; Colorado, Sept. 30; at Southern Cal, Oct. 7; Oregon, Oct. 14; at California, Oct. 21; at UCLA, Oct. 28; Arizona State, Nov. 4; at Oregon State, Nov. 11; Washington State, Nov. 18.
Site: Seattle.

It is not fair to say that Don James is pushing the panic button. But it is noteworthy that the veteran coach has completely changed his offense and selected the league's youngest lineup in an effort to regain the Huskies' lost momentum.

Coming off their most dismal season in a dozen years (6-5, no bowl), the Huskies are faced with the type of schedule—nonconference games with Texas A&M, Purdue and Colorado, plus league trips to USC, UCLA and Arizona—that would seem to make this as good a time as any to push a panic button.

Quarterback Cary Conklin will direct a new, predominantly single-back offense. "We've tried a lot of things over the years," James said, "but now we'll feature trips (three wideouts) and a lot of these formations more often."

Conklin, who had an inconsistent junior season, will be working with a more athletic group of receivers this year. Andre Riley, Mario Bailey, Orlando McKay and tight end Aaron Pierce offer the kind of speed and big-play potential Washington has lacked in recent years. But this is a young crew, as is the team as a whole. James expects to start between six and eight sophomores, with nine juniors.

Tailback Greg Lewis is the primary solo back, operating behind an offensive line that appears to be at least adequate.

The defense has the makings of one of the best in the league. Tackle Dennis Brown at times has been the best defensive player in the league, and seven other starters return, including standouts Eugene Burkhalter and Le-Lo Lang in the secondary.

WASHINGTON STATE

Coach: Mike Price (first year at Washington State; 46-44 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 9-3 (beat Houston in Aloha Bowl). Pac-10: 5-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Ivan Cook, DE; Chris Dyko, OT; Artie Holmes, S; Ken Kuiper, OT; Shawn Landrum, CB; Ron Lee, S; Maury Metcalf, LB; Jim Michalczik, OG; Bob O'Neal, LB; William Pellum, WR; Timm Rosenbach, QB; Vernon Todd, CB; Mike Utley, OG; Victor Wood, FL.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Steve Broussard, RB, 5-7/210, Sr. (status questionable/academics); Tim Stallworth, WR, 5-11/171, Sr.; Doug Wellsandt, TE, 6-4/236, Sr.; Paul Wulff, C, 6-4/270, Sr. (knee injury in spring). **Defense (4):** Randy Gray, E, 6-6/270, Sr.; Dan Grayson, LB, 6-3/242, Sr.; Mark Ledbetter, LB, 6-3/245, Sr. (switched from DT); Tony Savage, T, 6-4/285, Sr.
Key returnees: Lewis Bush, LB, Soph.; Tim Downing, DT, Sr.; Phil Garabedian, LB, Sr. (RS/medical); Brad Gossen, QB, Jr.; Jason Hanson, K, Soph.; John Husby, OT, Sr.; Jay Languein, S, Jr.; Chris Moton, S, Jr.; Rob Myers, P, Sr.; Roosevelt Noble, CB, Sr.; Ron Ricard, CB, Jr.; Robert Stogner, WR, Sr. (RS); Rich Swinton, RB, Jr.; Ron Young, WR, Jr. (RS).
Top newcomers: Anthony Davis, LB; James Fuller, DB; Cal Griggs, WR (JC); Mike Jones, WR (JC); John Nee, OL (JC); Curt Newton, LB (JC); Anthony Prior, WR (Prop 48); Ryan Smith, OL (JC).
Schedule: Idaho, Sept. 2; at Brigham Young, Sept. 9; Oregon State, Sept. 16; at Wyoming, Sept. 23; Southern Cal, Sept. 30; at Oregon, Oct. 7; Stanford, Oct. 14; Arizona, Oct. 21; at Arizona State, Oct. 28; at California, Nov. 11; at Washington, Nov. 18.
Site: Pullman, Wash.

Usually when Cinderella strikes it rich, much is said about the dues she paid over the years. In the Cougars' case, five dreadful decades apparently wasn't enough of an advance payment on their nine victories and trip to Hawaii last season because they have been paying for it ever since.

Coach Dennis Erickson left for Miami (Fla.) after spending only two years at his "dream job," which paled in comparison to "the opportunity of a lifetime." Quarterback Timm Rosenbach left for the NFL a year early. Add to those problems the fact

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SCOUTING THE PACIFIC-10

Best addition: Kevin Williams, TB, UCLA. A redshirt freshman, Williams has the tools to enter the '90s as college football's most dominating runner. The question isn't whether he'll win the Heisman Trophy, but when.

Best addition, runner-up: Russell White, TB, California. He won't blush in Williams' presence. If White can succeed in the classroom as well as on the football field, he'll be first-round draft material in four years.

Best reason to be proud: The league's skill-position talent. The Pac-10 has enough to stock three conferences. Combine that with its annual domination of non-conference opponents and the Pac-10 clearly rates as the nation's No. 1 league.

Best tutor: Terry Donahue, UCLA. Winning seven straight bowl games is just one measure of his ability. Oregon's Rich Brooks, Arizona's Dick Tomey, Southern Cal's Larry Smith and Stanford's Dennis Green also rate highly in the Pac-10, which almost matches the ACC for the best coaching in the business.

Best kamikaze: Darren Woodson, S, Arizona State. Woodson, a former walk-on who was redshirted last season, gets the nod over numerous candidates in a conference where specialty units excel. He'll bite your head off.

Win or else: Don James, Washington. While few doubt James' coaching credibility, don't be surprised if another subpar campaign leads to his dismissal or resignation.

Most valuable player: Bill Musgrave, QB, Oregon. The Ducks have posted a 10-3 mark with Musgrave at the helm, a 2-8 mark without him.

Best bet of the year: Washington State won't go anywhere but home for the holidays in 1989.

Best conference contest: Southern Cal vs. UCLA, November 18, at Southern Cal. So what else is new? The Trojans and Bruins provide one of the nation's best rivalries. The 1989 game will decide the conference championship and perhaps the national crown.

Most underrated players: Troy Taylor, QB, California, and Pat Chaffey, FB, Oregon State. Taylor has played in the shadow of Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete—until this season. When pro scouts rate the 1990 crop of quarterbacks, he'll be high on their list. Chaffey is a workhorse who produces in clutch situations. He hasn't been overshadowed by other teammates, but Corvallis isn't a media haven, either.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	B+	B	C+	A	A	A	C+
UCLA	B+	B	B	C+	C+	A–	B+
ARIZONA	C	A	C+	C+	B+	C+	B+
ARIZONA STATE	C+	B	C+	C+	C+	B–	C+
OREGON	C	A–	B–	C	C–	B–	C
STANFORD	C	B	B	C+	C+	C	B
CALIFORNIA	C–	C+	B	C	C+	C+	B
WASHINGTON	C+	C	B–	B–	C+	C+	C
WASHINGTON STATE	C–	C+	C+	B–	C–	C–	B–
OREGON STATE	C+	C	C	C–	C–	D	C

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

that only eight starters—including four on shaky academic ground—return from the glory year, and there is good reason to believe the Cougars will be paying for the joy of 1988 with some misery in 1989.

"We'll be fine," said first-year Coach Mike Price, a popular former Washington State assistant who was hired away from Weber State. "One thing I can say is that nothing, and I mean nothing, will diminish my enthusiasm for Cougar football."

With Rosenbach gone, Brad Gossen will run the single-back offense. Price said he believes Gossen's three years of learning the offense can offset the fact that he doesn't have an especially strong arm.

Running backs Steve Broussard (a second-team All-America) and Rich Swinton return after combining for 2,121 yards out of the single-back alignment last fall. Problem is, the outstanding offensive line they ran behind is missing four regulars, including consensus All-America guard Mike Utley. But wide receiver Tim Stallworth had 1,031 yards receiving last year, and tight end Doug Wellsandt offers Gossen another experienced target.

The Cougars have one of the league's deepest and most experienced defensive lines (led by tackle Tony Savage), but the linebackers and defensive backs are almost all new.

OREGON STATE

Coach: Dave Kragthorpe (12-31-1, 4 years; 36-52-1 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 4-6-1. Pac-10: 2-5-1/8th.
Key losses: Jim Cureton, LB; Kenny Felix, C/OG; Ray Giacomelli, LB; Andre Harris, S; Bryant Hill, SE; Teddy Johnson, CB; Ken Kiff, OT; Mike Matthews, LB; Hector Meza, OG; Calvin Nicholson, CB; Brian Taylor, TB; Robb Thomas, FL; Tom Vettrus, NT.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Mike Bailey, T, 6-5/269, Sr.; Pat Chaffey, FB, 6-2/214, Sr.; Phil Ross, TE, 6-4/221, Sr.; Pete Steffen, G, 6-2/284, Sr. **Defense (6):** Bill Hughely, CB, 5-10/200, Sr.; Pellom McDaniels, E, 6-3/260, Sr.; Bruce Sanders, LB, 6-3/229, Sr.; Scott Sanders, LB, 6-3/221, Sr.; Esera Tuaolo, NT, 6-3/270, Jr. (switched from DE); Larry Vladic, S, 6-2/192, Sr.
Key returnees: Lloyd Bailey, SE, Sr.; Mark Bennett, P, Sr.; Matt Booher, QB, Jr. (RS); Troy Bussanich, K, Sr.; Eric Davis, LB, Soph. (RS/medical); Kevin Dorner, CB, Jr.; Reggie Hubbard, FL, Sr.; Matt Irvin, OG, Sr.; Rob Jack, C, Sr.; Mike Maggiore, DE, Sr.; David Miller, C, Jr. (RS/medical); Derek Nelons, OT, Jr.; Joe Polamalu, LB, Sr.; Todd Sahlfeld, LB, Soph.; Nick Schichtle, QB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Brian Beck, CB (JC); Matt Booher, QB (JC/RS); Darren Cooke, LB (JC); Chief Cooper, S (RS); Spencer Fields, S (JC); Al Griswold, WR (JC/RS; elbow injury in spring); Paul Hill, LB (JC); Brent Huff, CB (JC); Percy Moorman, TB, (JC; status questionable); Torey Overstreet, CB (JC); Reggie Pitchford, TB (JC); Jerrell Waddell, TB (JC); Earl Zackery, S (RS).
Schedule: Stanford, Sept. 9; at Washington State, Sept. 16; at Boise State, Sept. 23; at Nebraska, Sept. 30; at Fresno State, Oct. 7; Arizona State, Oct. 14; UCLA, Oct. 21; at California, Oct. 28; at Southern Cal, Nov. 4; Washington, Nov. 11; at Oregon, Nov. 18; at Hawaii, Nov. 25.
Site: Corvallis, Ore.

A 4-6-1 record has cost many a coach his job, but it was a milestone in Beaver annals, considering it had been 10 years since they had done better. Coach Dave Kragthorpe, however, doesn't want his players thinking they have reached a high-water mark.

"We've got to feel we have a chance to have a winning record," he said.

A winning record would be impressive since Oregon State is not loaded with returning starters and did not base its recruiting efforts on finding quick fixes in the junior college ranks. Sure, there are a couple of players such as cornerback Torey Overstreet and tailback Jerrell Waddell who will help immediately, but most of the depth will be provided by returning lettermen. Such players as offensive tackle Mike Bailey, defensive end Pellom McDaniels, tight end Phil Ross and multipurpose fullback Pat Chaffey offer some hope. But there are many defensive holes, and the schedule, with eight of 12 games on the road, won't help. ■

Two Tigers should battle it out in SEC jungle

By TONY BARNHART
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Before delving too deeply into what to expect from Southeastern Conference football in 1989, it would be greatly remiss not to make special note of the league's changing of the guard.

Two familiar faces and one long-running tradition will be conspicuously absent as the SEC prepares to turn the corner on another decade. A final tip of the hat to:

• Vince Dooley. For the first time since Lyndon Johnson was President of the United States, Dooley will not be prowling the sidelines as the Top Dawg at Georgia. Dooley decided to call it quits after last season with 201 career wins, one national championship (1980), six SEC titles and 20 bowl teams in 25 years. Dooley was the model of consistency, averaging more than eight wins per season. He has been replaced by 33-year-old Ray Goff, a former Georgia quarterback.

• Bobby Humphrey. After a season-ending foot injury in 1988, the super-talented running back could have returned to Alabama in 1989. Had he returned, Humphrey almost assuredly would have moved into second place on the league's all-time rushing chart and he would have been a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy. But after two major injuries, he decided one more season wasn't worth the risk and turned pro. With Humphrey, a career 3,420-yard rusher, Alabama may have won the conference title. Without him, the offense will struggle.



If healthy, Harvey Williams gives Louisiana State the big-play tailback it was missing a season ago.

• Alabama vs. Auburn in Birmingham. History will be made December 2 when the Crimson Tide plays at Auburn for the first time—ever. The game has been played in Birmingham since 1948. Unless you live in the state, you cannot appreciate what a monumental event this will be. It will be a game so wrought with emotion that Alabama fans are buying Auburn season tickets just to make sure they get a seat. Auburn has informed Alabama fans buying those season tickets that they will seat them with the rest of the Crimson Tide fans if they make a request. Auburn officials call this "Southern hospitality."

Despite these missing elements, the show must go on. Louisiana State and Auburn are clearly the best of the class, with improving Alabama an outside contender. Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida and Georgia should battle to finish in the first division.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **LOUISIANA STATE**
   The Tigers have the talent to make a run at the national championship.
2. **AUBURN**
   Question marks abound defensively. The offensive line is Dye's best in years.
3. **ALABAMA**
   The Crimson Tide starters rank with the league's best, but the bench is thin.
4. **TENNESSEE**
   The Vols have an abundance of skill-position talent. The key is their line play.
5. **KENTUCKY**
   This is Claiborne's best Wildcats squad. It may surprise some teams.
6. **FLORIDA**
   The Gators need a passing game to take advantage of a favorable schedule.
7. **GEORGIA**
   The Bulldogs are tough to topple in Athens. Tailback Hampton is big time.
8. **MISSISSIPPI**
   A lack of depth makes a first-division finish unlikely.
9. **MISSISSIPPI STATE**
   The Bulldogs must play five of seven conference contests on the road.
10. **VANDERBILT**
    The offense is explosive, but so are opponents against Vandy's defense.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

LOUISIANA STATE

Coach: Mike Archer (18-5-1, 2 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (lost to Syracuse in Hall of Fame Bowl). SEC: 6-1/T1st.
Key losses: Jamie Bice, S; Todd Coutee, C; Rudy Harmon, LB; Eric Hill, LB; Greg Jackson, S; Mike Mayes, CB; Ralph Norwood, OT; Darrell Phillips, NG; Ron Sancho, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (9): Eddie Fuller, TB, 5-10/198, Sr.; Ronnie Haliburton, TE, 6-5/225, Sr.; Tommy Hodson, QB, 6-3/195, Sr.; Jim Hubicz, G, 6-5/264, Sr.; Victor Jones, FB, 5-9/205, Sr.; Alvin Lee, SE, 5-11/189, Sr.; Tony Moss, FL, 5-8/172, Sr.; Robert Packnett, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Ruffin Rodrigue, G, 6-1/266, Sr. **Defense (4):** Verge Ausberry, LB, 6-0/232, Sr.; Karl Dunbar, E, 6-4/276, Sr.; Clint James, E, 6-6/259, Sr.; Jimmy Young, CB, 5-9/179, Sr.
Key returnees: Rene Bourgeois, P, Sr.; Marc Boutte, NG, Soph.; David Browndyke, K, Sr.; Jay Egloff, FB, Sr.; Vincent Fuller, CB, Soph. (switched from TB); Sol Graves, QB, Jr.; Roger Hutchinson, OT, Soph.; Todd Kinchen, WR, Soph. (RS/knee); Oliver Lawrence, LB, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Chris Moock, QB, Soph.; Darrell Williams, FB, Soph.; Harvey Williams, TB, Jr. (RS/knee); Wayne Williams, CB, Soph. (switched from FL).
Top newcomers: Juan Cendoya, LB (RS); Shannon Cornelius, LB (RS); Tyronne Malone, LB (RS); Sammy Seamster, TB (Prop 48); Nigel Ventress, LB (RS); Jerry Wilson, SE (RS).
Schedule: At Texas A&M, Sept. 2; Florida State, Sept. 16; Ohio University, Sept. 30; Florida, Oct. 7; at Auburn, Oct. 14; at Kentucky, Oct. 21; Tennessee, Oct. 28; at Mississippi, Nov. 4; Alabama, Nov. 11; Mississippi State, Nov. 18; at Tulane, Nov. 25.
Site: Baton Rouge, La.

There are two big "ifs" surrounding the 1989 Tigers, but Coach Mike Archer is confident that neither will stand in the way of an outright SEC title and a New Year's Day berth in the Sugar Bowl.

LSU, which shared the 1988 title with Auburn before losing to Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl, must start by rebuilding the conference's No. 3-ranked defense. Gone are seven starters, and Archer knows all too well that a weak defense in this league is an invitation to disaster.

The other big question concerns the valuable right knee of tailback Harvey Williams, who appears to be ready after sitting out the 1988 campaign because of reconstructive surgery. Williams rushed for 1,001 yards as a sophomore in 1987 before going down in the last game of the season against Tulane. If fully recovered, he gives the Tigers the big-play tailback they were missing a season ago.

"It's been good to see Harvey out there having some success," Archer said after spring practice. "He did not miss a scrimmage in the spring, and that's significant."

Williams should fit nicely into an already-powerful offense that returns nine starters. The big gun is quarterback Tommy Hodson, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate.

Hodson struggled at times last season but still threw for 2,074 yards and 13 touchdowns. He has thrown 47 career touchdown passes and is a three-time All-SEC selection.

Hodson will have lots of inviting targets in Tony Moss, the conference's top returning receiver, split end Alvin Lee and tight end Ronnie Haliburton. Williams will be joined in the backfield by fullback Victor Jones, with Eddie Fuller, a 647-yard rusher last season while replacing Williams, available if anybody goes down.

The offensive line, anchored by guards Jim Hubicz and Ruffin Rodrigue, is solid and experienced.

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PRESEASON ALL-SEC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	*PAT COLEMAN, Mississippi	5-07/170	Senior
WR	WILLIE GREEN, Mississippi	6-02/175	Senior
WR	TONY MOSS, Louisiana State	5-08/172	Senior
TE	LAMONDE RUSSELL, Alabama	6-01/196	Junior
T	TERRILL CHATMAN, Alabama	6-04/298	Senior
T	MIKE PFEIFER, Kentucky	6-07/300	Senior
C	ROGER SHULTZ, Alabama	6-02/251	Senior
G	ED KING, Auburn	6-04/280	Soph.
G	ERIC STILL, Tennessee	6-03/283	Senior
QB	TOMMY HODSON, Louisiana State	6-03/195	Senior
RB	EMMITT SMITH, Florida	5-10/205	Junior
RB	HARVEY WILLIAMS, Louisiana State	6-02/213	Junior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	WILLIE WYATT, Alabama	6-00/262	Senior
DL	OLIVER BARNETT, Kentucky	6-03/285	Senior
DL	KARL DUNBAR, Louisiana State	6-04/276	Senior
DL	CLINT JAMES, Louisiana State	6-06/259	Senior
DL	TONY MASSEY, Kentucky	6-02/221	Senior
LB	MORRIS LEWIS, Georgia	6-04/227	Junior
LB	KEITH McCANTS, Alabama	6-05/246	Junior
LB	CRAIG OGLETREE, Auburn	6-02/226	Senior
LB	HUEY RICHARDSON, Florida	6-05/235	Junior
DB	RICHARD FAIN, Florida	5-11/185	Junior
DB	LEE OZMINT, Alabama	6-05/210	Senior
DB	TODD SANDRONI, Mississippi	6-01/200	Junior
DB	PRESTON WARREN, Tennessee	6-00/195	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	DAVID BROWNDYKE, Louisiana State	6-02/185	Senior
P	KENT ELMORE, Tennessee	6-02/180	Senior

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	ALVIN HARPER, Tennessee	6-03/200	Junior
WR	STACEY SIMMONS, Florida	5-10/178	Senior
WR	*THOMAS WOODS, Tennessee	5-10/168	Senior
TE	JESSE ANDERSON, Mississippi State	6-03/232	Senior
T	BOB MEEKS, Auburn	6-03/260	Soph.
T	JOHN DURDEN, Florida	6-06/285	Senior
C	JOHN HUDSON, Auburn	6-03/260	Senior
G	JIM HUBICZ, Louisiana State	6-05/264	Senior
G	RUFFIN RODRIGUE, Louisiana State	6-01/266	Senior
QB	REGGIE SLACK, Auburn	6-02/211	Senior
RB	RODNEY HAMPTON, Georgia	6-00/215	Junior
RB	JAMES JOSEPH, Auburn	6-02/200	Junior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MARC BOUTTE, Louisiana State	6-04/268	Soph.
DL	BILL GOLDBERG, Georgia	6-03/266	Senior
DL	TRACY HAYWORTH, Tennessee	6-02/248	Senior
DL	MARION HOBBY, Tennessee	6-04/269	Senior
DL	DAVID ROCKER, Auburn	6-04/267	Junior
LB	TONY BENNETT, Mississippi	6-02/235	Senior
LB	RANDY HOLLERAN, Kentucky	6-01/240	Junior
LB	QUENTIN RIGGINS, Auburn	5-11/210	Senior
LB	JAMES WILLIAMS, Mississippi State	6-01/224	Senior
DB	JOHN MANGUM, Alabama	5-11/174	Senior
DB	RON ROBINSON, Kentucky	6-01/185	Senior
DB	BEN SMITH, Georgia	5-11/180	Senior
DB	JIMMY YOUNG, Louisiana State	5-09/179	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	PHILIP DOYLE, Alabama	6-01/190	Junior
P	JOEY HESTER, Georgia	6-00/189	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Coleman


Shultz


Lewis


Fain


Hubicz


Joseph


Hayworth


Holleran

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Smith, Florida	187	990	5.3	110.0
Danley, Auburn	179	877	4.9	79.7
Hill, Alabama	136	778	5.7	77.8
Hampton, Georgia	128	719	5.6	71.9

PASSING

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Slack, Auburn	279	168	2230	130.1
Hodson, La. State	293	154	2074	118.5
Morris, Florida	167	84	1217	101.9
Shell, Miss. State	335	153	1884	95.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Slack, Auburn	–17	2230	2213	201.2
Hodson, La. St.	–62	2074	2012	182.9
Shell, Mississippi St.	–55	1884	1829	182.9
Morris, Florida	–11	1217	1206	120.6

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Woods, Tennessee	58	689	11.9	5.3
Moss, Louisiana St.	55	957	17.4	5.0
Lee, Louisiana St.	40	537	13.4	3.6
Green, Mississippi	38	648	17.1	3.5

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Doyle, Alabama	1	28	19	91	8.30
Lyle, Auburn	0	36	14	78	7.8
Browndyke, La. St.	0	20	19	77	7.0
Francis, Florida	0	24	16	72	6.5

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Elmore, Tennessee	41	44.3	1818
Bourgeois, Louisiana St.	42	41.9	1759
Childers, Mississippi	78	39.4	3070

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Carswell, Georgia	31	388	0	12.5
Woods, Tennessee	18	185	1	10.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Morgan, Tennessee	24	580	0	24.2
Watkins, Louisiana St.	18	418	0	23.3
Goode, Alabama	15	334	1	22.3

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Browndyke, La. St.	23	19	.826	1.73
Doyle, Alabama	31	19	.613	1.73
Francis, Florida	23	16	.696	1.45
Lyle, Auburn	21	14	.667	1.40

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Sandroni, Mississippi	7	33	1	.70
Ozmint, Alabama	6	43	0	.55
Warren, Tennessee	5	115	2	.45
Mangum, Alabama	5	57	1	.45

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Auburn	6	1	0	10	2	0
Louisiana State	6	1	0	8	4	0
Georgia	5	2	0	9	3	0
Alabama	4	3	0	9	3	0
Florida	4	3	0	7	5	0
Mississippi	3	4	0	5	6	0
Tennessee	3	4	0	5	6	0
Kentucky	2	5	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	2	5	0	3	8	0
Mississippi State	0	6	0	1	10	0

The defense, which must replace talented linebackers Eric Hill, Ron Sancho and Rudy Harmon, has some good returning talent on which to build.

Ends Karl Dunbar and Clint James, linebacker Verge Ausberry (LSU's leading tackler last season) and corner Jimmy Young all are impact players. Marc Boutte could reach that level at noseguard.

Placekicker David Browndyke heads a special-teams unit that ranks among the nation's best. The senior, who already ranks as LSU's all-time leading kick scorer, connected on 19 of 23 field-goal attempts in '88 and has never missed an extra point.

AUBURN

Coach: Pat Dye (71-23-2, 8 years; 125-46-3 overall, 15 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (lost to Florida State in Sugar Bowl). SEC: 6-1/T1st.
Key losses: Carlo Cheattom, CB; Rodney Garner, OG; Smokey Hodge, LB; Shon Morris, S; Walter Reeves, TE; Tracy Rocker, DT; Benji Roland, NG; Brian Smith, LB; Ron Stallworth, DT; Greg Staples, S; Jim Thompson, OT; Lawyer Tillman, WR; Freddy Weygand, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Stacy Danley, TB, 6-3/206, Jr.; John Hudson, C, 6-3/260, Sr.; James Joseph, FB, 6-2/200, Jr. (may switch to TB); Ed King, G, 6-4/280, Soph.; Rob Selby, T, 6-5/254, Jr.; Reggie Slack, QB, 6-2/211, Sr. **Defense (3):** Craig Ogletree, LB, 6-2/226, Sr.; Quentin Riggins, LB, 5-11/210, Sr.; John Wiley, CB, 6-0/178, Jr.
Key returnees: Dominko Anderson, S, Sr.; Corey Barlow, CB, Soph.; Reggie Barlow, LB, Soph.; Steve Brown, LB, Jr.; Teapot Brown, FB, Soph.; Darrel Crawford, LB, Soph.; Chris Dickinson, P, Jr.; Fernando Horn, DT, Jr. (RS/disciplinary suspension); Brad Johnson, OG, Sr.; Win Lyle, K, Sr.; Bob Meeks, OT, Soph.; Eric Ramsey, DB, Jr.; David Rocker, DT, Jr.; Greg Taylor, WR, Jr.; Shayne Wasden, WR, Soph.; Alexander Wright, WR, Sr.
Top newcomers: Mike Campbell, DL (transfer/Southeast Missouri); Pedro Cherry, WR; Tim Cromartie, DL (Prop 48); Mike Pina, DB.
Schedule: Pacific, Sept. 9; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 16; at Tennessee, Sept. 30; at Kentucky, Oct. 7; Louisiana State, Oct. 14; at Florida State, Oct. 21; Mississippi State, Oct. 28; Florida, Nov. 4; Louisiana Tech, Nov. 11; at Georgia, Nov. 18; Alabama, Dec. 2.
Site: Auburn, Ala.

Coach Pat Dye figures if he had been a little smarter one night last fall in Baton Rouge, his Tigers would have played Notre Dame for the national championship in January.

Auburn's only regular-season loss was a 7-6 heartbreaker that LSU pulled off on an 11-yard Hodson touchdown pass with 1:36 remaining. The Tigers had played conservatively on offense, confident their great defense would hold LSU.

"It almost worked, but if I had it to do over again, I'd play the game a little different," Dye said. Auburn went on to win the rest of its regular-season games, a share of the SEC title and a Sugar Bowl bid against Florida State.

Dye now must rebuild the unit that led the nation in rushing, scoring and total defense. Eight starters, including Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award winner Tracy Rocker, are gone.



Auburn linebacker Quentin Riggins is an impact player.

Auburn will rebuild around Rocker's brother, David, a junior tackle who is a chip off the old block. Linebackers Quentin Riggins and Craig Ogletree also are impact players, while cornerback John Wiley is the secondary's lone returning starter.

"We have a chance to be an interesting team defensively," Dye said. "We have some young guys with a little bit of ability, but they have never played."

The Tigers are not lacking, either in quality or quantity, on offense.

Reggie Slack will return to quarterback the team that led the SEC in total offense and scoring. The senior, in his first year as a starter, threw for 2,230 yards and nine touchdowns while completing 60.2 percent of his passes.

He will be joined in the backfield by Stacy Danley, an 877-yard rusher last season, and fullback James Joseph, one of the top blocking backs in the conference.

Slack's receiving corps was decimated by graduation, but he will operate behind a talented offensive line that includes tackles Bob Meeks and Rob Selby, guard Ed King and center John Hudson.

Auburn has a capable placekicker in Win Lyle, who has hit 29 of 40 career field-goal attempts.

ALABAMA

Coach: Bill Curry (16-8, 2 years; 47-51-4 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 9-3 (beat Army in Sun Bowl). SEC: 4-3/T4th.
Key losses: George Bethune, DE; Tommy Cole, DT; Howard Cross, TE; John Fruhmorgen, OT; Greg Gilbert, LB; Bobby Humphrey, TB; Kermit Kendrick, CB; Chris Mohr, P; Greg Payne, SE; Larry Rose, OG; David Smith, QB; Derrick Thomas, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Marco Battle, FL, 6-0/170, Sr.; Terrill Chatman, T, 6-4/298, Sr.; Murry Hill, TB, 5-7/169, Sr.; Chris Robinette, G, 6-4/259, Sr.; Roger Shultz, C, 6-2/251, Sr.; Kevin Turner, FB, 6-1/208, Jr.
Defense (6): Charles Gardner, S, 6-3/205, Soph.; Spencer Hammond, CB, 6-2/212, Sr.; John Mangum, CB, 5-11/174, Sr.; Keith McCants, LB, 6-5/246, Jr.; Lee Ozmint, S, 6-5/210, Sr.; Willie Wyatt, NG, 6-0/262, Sr.
Key returnees: John Cassimus, FL, Sr. (switched from TB); Jeff Dunn, QB, Sr.; Philip Doyle, K, Jr.; Pierre Goode, TB, Sr. (switched from WR); Gene Jelks, CB, Sr. (RS/medical); David Lenoir, TE, Sr. (switched from DT); Lamonde Russell, TE, Sr.; Mike Smith, SE, Sr. (switched from S); Brian Stutson, SE, Jr. (switched from CB); Lorenzo Ward, S, Sr.
Top newcomers: Eric Curry, LB (Prop 48); Charlie Dare, OT (Prop 48); Robert Jones, RB (Prop 48); Siran Stacy, TB (JC), Efrum Thomas, CB (JC); Danny Woodson, QB (Prop 48).
Schedule: Memphis State (at Birmingham), Sept. 16; Kentucky, Sept. 23; at Vanderbilt, Sept. 30; at Mississippi, Oct. 7; Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 14; Tennessee (at Birmingham), Oct. 21; at Penn State, Oct. 28; Mississippi State (at Birmingham), Nov. 4; at Louisiana State, Nov. 11; Southern Mississippi, Nov. 18; at Auburn, Dec. 2.
Site: Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Bill Curry begins his third year as Alabama coach and he's still trying to please a fan following that will be satisfied by nothing less than winning a national championship and beating Auburn, not necessarily in that order.

In its two seasons under Curry, Alabama has won 16 games, including a victory in one of two bowl appearances. Still, the Tuscaloosa faithful wonder when their school will get serious again about football. They especially are tired of watching intrastate rival Auburn making regular trips to the Sugar Bowl, and many refuse to believe the Tide will ever get back to New Orleans with Curry, a Georgia Tech graduate, as coach.

"I knew there would be some of that when I took the job," Curry said. "I am personally driven to return Alabama to the top."

Curry has 12 starters returning, but one of them is not Bobby Humphrey.

"I'm not going to say we couldn't use Bobby," Curry said, "but we have confidence in Murry Hill."

Hill, a diminutive 5-foot-7 senior, rushed for 778 yards last season. Pierre Goode, a receiver his first two years, will move to tailback to provide depth.

The key for Alabama's offense, however, will be the play of senior quarterback Jeff Dunn, who started the second half of the 1988 season. Dunn was erratic but showed marked improvement during the spring.

Dunn, who will have two good receivers in flanker Marco Battle and tight end Lamonde Russell, will operate behind a solid offensive line that features center Roger Shultz and tackle Terrill Chatman.

Curry's biggest challenge on defense will be replacing consensus All-America and Butkus Award-winning linebacker Derrick Thomas. But the Tide will not be lacking for experience and talent.

Noseguard Willie Wyatt, linebacker Keith McCants and backs Lee Ozmint and John Mangum form the heart of a defense that returns six starters after ranking second in the conference.

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TENNESSEE

Coach: Johnny Majors (82-53-6, 12 years; 139-96-8 overall, 21 years).
1988 record: 5-6. SEC: 3-4/T6th.
Key losses: Reggie Cobb, TB (suspended/disciplinary reasons); Keith DeLong, LB; Jeff Francis, QB; Bryan Kimbro, LB; Nate Middlebrooks, TE; Ray Robinson, C; John Rollins, FB; Kevin Simons, OT; Phil Stuart, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Antone Davis, T, 6-4/306, Jr.; Alvin Harper, WB, 6-3/200, Jr.; Eric Still, G, 6-3/283, Sr.; Thomas Woods, SE, 5-10/168, Sr. **Defense (9):** Shazzon Bradley, LB, 6-1/246, Soph. (switched from MG); Kelly Days, S, 5-11/192, Jr.; Keith Denson, CB, 6-0/185, Jr.; Earnest Fields, LB, 5-10/233, Soph.; Tracy Hayworth, E, 6-2/248, Sr. (switched from LB); Marion Hobby, E, 6-4/269, Sr. (switched from DT); Cedric Kline, LB, 6-0/214, Sr. (switched from S); Mark Moore, T, 6-4/260, Jr.; Preston Warren, CB, 6-0/195, Jr.
Key returnees: Greg Amsler, FB, Jr.; Doug Baird, OG, Jr.; Terence Cleveland, WR, Sr.; Kent Elmore, P, Sr.; Sterling Henton, QB, Jr.; Andy Kelly, QB, Soph.; Jeremy Lincoln, CB, Jr.; Chip McCallum, K, Soph; Anthony Morgan, WR, Jr.; Roland Poles, FB, Jr.; Von Reeves, TE, Soph.; Houston Thomas, LB, Jr.; Tony Thompson, TB, Jr.; Shon Walker, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Derric Evans, DB; Marcus Evans, DE (RS); Randy Hall, OG (RS); Lloyd Kerr, QB; Clemons McCroskey, FB (RS); Carl Pickens, WR; Chuck Webb, TB.
Schedule: Colorado State, Sept. 2; at UCLA, Sept. 9; Duke, Sept. 16; Auburn, Sept. 30; Georgia, Oct. 7; at Alabama, Oct. 21; at Louisiana State, Oct. 28; Akron, Nov. 11; Mississippi, Nov. 18; at Kentucky, Nov. 25; Vanderbilt, Dec. 2.
Site: Knoxville.

Things became so desperate for Tennessee in the first half of 1988 that a local disc jockey climbed atop a flagpole and said he would not come down until the Volunteers won their first game. He got more than he had bargained for. The Vols didn't win until the seventh week of the season.

After losing their first six games, the Vols saved face by winning their last five. Though 5-6 records won't get you national respect, the Vols at least have momentum going into 1989.

They'll need it if they hope to survive a schedule that includes UCLA, Alabama and LSU on the road, with Georgia and Auburn at home.

Defense was Tennessee's major problem a year ago, and Coach Johnny Majors admitted as much when he replaced veteran defensive coordinator Ken Donahue at midseason. The Volunteers return nine starters from a unit that allowed opponents to average 35 points in their six season-opening losses.

Cornerback Preston Warren, the Vols' leading tackler last season, is the top defensive returnee. Ends Tracy Hayworth and Marion Hobby, a converted tackle, will discourage teams from taking the outside route. But the player to watch on this unit is sophomore Shazzon Bradley, a fireplug noseguard last season who will switch to linebacker. He will team with talented Cedric Kline, a hard-hitting defensive back last year.

Offensively, junior Sterling Henton has the inside track over Andy Kelly for the starting quarterback job. The winner will be asked to replace Jeff Francis, who threw for 2,237 yards and 13 touchdowns last season.

Inexperienced Tony Thompson and redshirt freshman Chuck Webb will battle for the tailback job. But the wide receiving corps, featuring Thomas Woods, Alvin Harper and redshirt Carl Pickens, is deep and talented.

Tackle Antone Davis, a 306-pound junior, and guard Eric Still anchor the offensive line.

One of Majors' best weapons is punter Kent Elmore, who finished third in the nation last season with a 44.3-yard average.

KENTUCKY

Coach: Jerry Claiborne (35-41-3, 7 years; 173-117-8 overall, 27 years).
1988 record: 5-6. SEC: 2-5/T8th.
Key losses: Vic Adams, DG; Chris Chenault, LB; Charlie Darrington, TE; Jay Dortch, DE; Glenn Fohr, QB; Ray Gover, FL; Ivy Joe Hunter, TB; David Johnson, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Brian Cralle, C, 6-1/285, Sr.; Alfred Jones, SE, 6-4/188, Sr.; Joel Mazzella, OG, 6-1/285, Jr.; Andy Murray, FB, 6-1/242, Sr.; Mike Nord, T, 6-7/291, Jr.; Mike Pfeifer, T, 6-7/300, Sr.; Dean Wilks, G, 6-3/300, Jr. **Defense (7):** Oliver Barnett, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Jerry Bell, G, 6-3/284, Soph.; Randy Holleran, LB, 6-1/240, Jr.; Doug Houser, T, 6-4/264, Sr.; Tony Massey, E, 6-2/221, Sr.; Ron Robinson, S, 6-1/185, Sr.; Chris Tolbert, CB, 5-11/178, Jr.
Key returnees: Al Baker, TB, Jr.; Craig Benzinger, LB, Sr.; Jeff Brady, DE, Jr.; Chuck Broughton, QB, Sr.; Albert Burks, CB, Sr.; Donnie Gardner, DT, Sr.; Jim Graves, TE, Soph. (switched from DT); Greg Lahr, OT, Soph.; Phil Logan, FL, Jr.; Freddie Maggard, QB, Soph.; Mike Meece, TE, Jr.; Alfred Rawls, TB, Sr.; Scott Rayburn, TE, Jr. (switched from OG); Billy Swanson, LB, Jr. (switched from DE); Ken Willis, K, Sr.; Tony Zigman, DE, Sr.
Top newcomers: Brad Armstead, S (RS); Bobby Henderson, TE (JC); Ryan Hockman, QB (RS); Rodney Jackson, TE (RS); Ken Johnson, DE; Todd Perry, OG (RS); Terry Samuels, TE; Mike Thomas, TB (Prop 48); Craig Walker, TB (Prop 48); Sterling Ward, CB (RS); Dean Wells, DE (RS); Duce Williams, CB; Sherman Williams, DT (JC).
Schedule: Indiana, Sept. 9; North Carolina, Sept. 16; at Alabama, Sept. 23; Auburn, Oct. 7; Rutgers, Oct. 14; Louisiana State, Oct. 21; at Georgia, Oct. 28; Cincinnati, Nov. 4; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 11; at Florida, Nov. 18; Tennessee, Nov. 25.
Site: Lexington, Ky.

The 5-6 Wildcats, on the verge of being a good team a year ago, might bear watching in 1989. Four of Kentucky's losses were by five points or less and the Wildcats had LSU and Alabama on the ropes before making silly mistakes.

With 14 starters returning and the confidence provided by an upset win over Georgia, Kentucky could have much to say about who wins the SEC championship.

"Experience is definitely a strong point, especially on defense," Coach Jerry Claiborne said. "We have more Southeastern Conference-type athletes on hand than we've ever had before."

The defense will be anchored by tackle Oliver Barnett, who recorded 69 solo tackles last season, and end Tony Massey, a

Who'll Fill Rocker's Shoes?



Those offensive linemen in the Southeastern Conference who are breathing a little easier because Auburn defensive tackle Tracy Rocker is gone are in for a rude awakening. That's because Coach Pat Dye already has found a replacement for the winner of the 1988 Outland and Lombardi awards—Rocker's little brother.

And get this: Dye thinks David Rocker might be better.



David Rocker

Rocker, a 6-foot-4, 267-pound junior, was threatening to crack the starting lineup last fall when an ankle injury slowed him down. He finished the season with 32 tackles, including a pair of quarterback sacks.

"All three of our down linemen made All-SEC last year, and two of them were All-Americas," Dye said. "At one time last year, before David got hurt, he was the best defensive lineman we had."

Even on a damaged ankle, Rocker was able to help out at both tackle positions and noseguard, with the Tigers suffering no drop-off in talent when he came in. His ankle has healed, but he missed all of spring practice after suffering cuts and bruises in a car accident. He should be fine, however, by this fall, when he will try to become not only the next in a long list of Auburn All-Americas on the defensive line, but also the first player to follow his brother as either an Outland or a Lombardi award winner.

"The comparisons are something I've been through before in high school," Rocker said. "That's something I don't let bother me. I can't go out there every day and say, 'I've got to do this because Tracy did it.' The things that Tracy achieved here, he achieved by working hard. And if I want those things to happen to me, I have to buckle down and work just as hard or harder."

Said Dye: "I know it's hard to believe, but I believe David is a little more athletic than Tracy. If he can stay healthy, he can really do some nice things."

—TONY BARNHART



Wide receiver Stacey Simmons could be the answer to one of Florida's biggest offensive questions by coming back strong from major knee surgery.

two-year starter. Linebacker Randy Holleran was an All-SEC pick, and three-year starting free safety Ron Robinson is the heart of the secondary.

Offensively, Kentucky's strength will be up front. The Wildcats return all five starters from a year ago, including big-time tackle Mike Pfeifer. The 6-7, 300-pounder will be coming back from a knee injury that sidelined him for Kentucky's final six 1988 games.

Claiborne must find a replacement for quarterback Glenn Fohr, a classic drop-back passer. Senior Chuck Broughton is the only returning letterman, but sophomore Freddie Maggard is the quarterback of the future. Maggard is an exceptional athlete who could force Claiborne into more of an option-oriented offense.

Tailback Alfred Rawls and fullback Andy Murray give Kentucky experience in the backfield, and split end Alfred Jones is a reliable receiver.

FLORIDA

Coach: Galen Hall (36-17-1, 5 years).
1988 record: 7-5 (beat Illinois in All-American Bowl). SEC: 4-3/T4th.
Key losses: Trace Armstrong, DT; Owen Bartruff, LB; Tracy Daniels, C; Bill Lang, S; Louis Oliver, S; Mark McGriff, TE; Joey Nicoletto, LB; Jeff Roth, MG; Kevin Sills, OG; Rhondy Weston, DT; David Williams, OT; Charlie Wright, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (7): John Durden, OT, 6-6/285, Sr.; Tony Lomack, WR, 5-8/185, Sr.; Ernie Mills, WR, 5-11/182, Jr. (missed spring/hamstring); Kyle Morris, QB, 6-3/206, Soph.; Cedric Smith, FB, 5-11/233, Sr.; Emmitt Smith, RB, 5-10/205, Jr.; Richard Starowesky, G, 6-0/272, Sr. **Defense (4):** Richard Fain, CB, 5-11/185, Jr. (injured knee in spring); Pat Moorer, LB, 6-0/234, Sr.; Huey Richardson, LB, 6-5/235, Jr. (missed spring/shoulder); Kerry Watkins, CB, 5-10/198, Sr.
Key returnees: Terrence Barber, WR, Jr.; Ephesians Bartley, LB, Soph.; Mike Brandon, MG, Soph. (RS; switched from DT); Chris Bromley, OG, Jr.; Kelvin Calhoun, TE, Sr.; Brad Culpepper, MG, Soph.; Cal Dixon, C, Soph.; John David Francis, K, Sr.; Hesham Ismail, OG, Soph.; Tony Jones, WR, Sr. (switched from DB); Kirk Kirkpatrick, TE, Jr.; Willie McClendon, RB, Soph.; Tony McCoy, DT, Jr.; Dexter McNabb, FB, Soph.; Mark Murray, DT, Jr. (switched from LB); Godfrey Myles, LB, Jr. (switched from S); Glenn Neely, OG, Jr. (switched from DT); Andy Newman, S, Soph. (RS/ankle); Jerry Odom, LB, Jr.; Tim Paulk, LB, Soph.; Tony Rowell, DT, Soph.; Stacey Simmons, WR, Sr. (missed 7 games/knee); Harvey Thomas, TE, Soph. (missed spring/knee); Mark White, OT, Soph. (switched from OG; ankle injury in spring).
Top newcomers: Jerry Dunn, QB (RS); Tre Everett, WR (RS); Greg Grandison, S (RS); Bill Gunter, DT (RS); Scott Hoffman, QB (RS); Phillip Johnson, DT (RS); Shane Matthews, QB (RS); Dexter Smith, DT (RS); Lex Smith, QB (RS); Del Speer, DB (RS); Josh Taotoai, OT (JC); Will White, S (RS).
Schedule: Mississippi, Sept. 9; Louisiana Tech, Sept. 16; at Memphis State, Sept. 23; Mississippi State (at Tampa), Sept. 30; at Louisiana State, Oct. 7; Vanderbilt, Oct. 14; New Mexico, Oct. 21; at Auburn, Nov. 4; Georgia (at Jacksonville), Nov. 11; Kentucky, Nov. 18; Florida State, Dec. 2.
Site: Gainesville, Fla.

Because of NCAA probation, Florida signed only 29 players in 1985 and 1986. Now the Gators are paying the price. Of 90 scholarship players, only 15 are seniors, and only three of them play defense.

That explains why the Gators have jumped out fast in each of the last two seasons before fading, primarily because of injuries. They were 5-0 last season before falling victim to the injury bug and finishing 7-5.

Look for the same thing to happen in '89. The Gators are talented up front but don't have the depth to be an SEC contender.

Their best offensive weapon is running back Emmitt Smith. A knee injury hampered his 1988 season, but he still rushed for 988 yards (5.3 per carry). Smith will be running behind a line that will be missing three 1988 starters, although tackle John Durden is a good blocker.

The Gators' biggest offensive questions are at quarterback and wide receiver. Kyle Morris started seven games last season but must show improvement. Stacey Simmons is a big-play receiver who will be trying to come back from major knee surgery.

The Gators lost several impact players on defense but return talented linebacker Huey Richardson and cornerback Richard Fain. Both have big-play ability.

"We have a long way to go and a lot of pieces to fit into the puzzle," Hall said. "But we have some good young talent and a true franchise runner in Emmitt."

GEORGIA

Coach: Ray Goff (first year at Georgia).
1988 record: 9-3 (beat Michigan State in Gator Bowl). SEC: 5-2/3rd.
Key losses: Scott Adams, OG; Shelly Anderson, OG; Rusty Beasley, S; Paul Giles, DE; Vince Guthrie, S; Wayne Johnson, QB; Wycliff Lovelace, DT; Richard Tardits, LB; John Thomas, SE; Terrie Webster, LB; Todd Wheeler, C; Tim Worley, TB.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Will Colley, T, 6-5/250, Jr.; Alphonso Ellis, FB, 5-9/205, Jr.; Arthur Marshall, FL, 5-11/170, Soph.; Curt Mull, T, 6-5/281, Sr.; LeMonte Tellis, G, 6-4/275, Jr. **Defense (5):** Demetrius Douglas, LB, 6-2/221, Sr.; Bill Goldberg, T, 6-3/266, Sr. (switched from NG); David Hargett, CB, 6-1/188, Jr.; Morris Lewis, LB, 6-4/227, Jr.; Ben Smith, CB, 5-11/180, Sr. (might switch to S).
Key returnees: Hiawatha Berry, DT, Sr.; Kevin Brown, TB, Sr.; Chuck Carswell, CB, Soph. (neck injury in spring); Norman Cowins, LB, Soph.; Curt Douglas, LB, Soph.; Rodney Hampton, TB, Jr.; Steve Harmon, S, Sr.; Joey Hester, P, Sr.; John Kasay, K, Jr.; Greg Talley, QB, Soph.; Kirk Warner, TE, Sr.
Top newcomers: George Brewer, DL; Willie Jennings, DL; Mike Jones, CB; Preston Jones, QB (RS; status questionable/broke wrist in spring); Bennie Nelson, TB (JC); Randy Wolford, DL.
Schedule: Baylor, Sept. 16; Mississippi State, Sept. 23; South Carolina, Sept. 30; at Tennessee, Oct. 7; at Mississippi, Oct. 14; at Vanderbilt, Oct. 21; Kentucky, Oct. 28; Temple, Nov. 4; at Florida, Nov. 11; Auburn, Nov. 18; at Georgia Tech, Dec. 2.
Site: Athens, Ga.

The operative word at Georgia in 1989 will be "patience."

"People are going to have to be patient with us and give us a chance to grow up a little," new Coach Ray Goff said.

Of Georgia's top 12 offensive linemen, eight are redshirt freshmen or sophomores. Only senior tackle Curt Mull is talented and experienced.

"There's no way you can rush this sort of thing," Goff said. "They have to be tested under fire and make mistakes. But they will get better."

Georgia's best hope is that the defense can hold the fort while the offense matures. Five starters return, including noseguard Bill Goldberg, cornerback Ben Smith and outside linebacker Morris

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Cornerback Ben Smith is one of Georgia's five returning defensive starters who hopes to hold the fort while the offense matures.

Lewis, one of the best at his position in the league.

A great deal of the offensive pressure will be put on junior tailback Rodney Hampton, who rushed for 719 yards in a backup role. Hampton, who couldn't win the starting job because of Tim Worley (the seventh player selected in the 1989 National Football League draft), has big-play ability.

Sophomore Greg Talley, who threw four touchdown passes as a backup last season, will be the likely starter at quarterback. But he will be challenged by redshirt freshman Preston Jones, considered to be Georgia's quarterback of the future. Jones, however, must recover from a broken wrist he suffered in the spring game.

MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Billy Brewer (30-33-3, 6 years; 87-72-6 overall, 15 years).
1988 record: 5-6. SEC: 3-4/T6th.
Key losses: Bubba Dickey, OT; Lopaz Jones, LB; James King, OT; Rodney Lowe, DT; Joe Mickles, FB; Stevon Moore, CB; Shawn Sykes, TB; Wesley Walls, TE; Mark Young, QB.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Tim Brown, G, 6-1/245, Sr.; Willie Green, WR, 6-2/175, Sr.; Reid Hines, WR, 6-1/180, Sr.; Dawson Pruett, C, 6-1/265, Jr.; Jeff Rhodes, T, 6-4/275, Sr. (shoulder injury in spring). **Defense (8):** Tony Bennett, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Shawn Cobb, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.; Roger Hancock, S, 6-3/205, Jr.; Doug Jacobs, T, 6-8/262, Jr.; Don Price, CB, 5-11/198, Sr.; Kelvin Pritchett, NG, 6-3/270, Jr.; Todd Sandroni, S, 6-1/200, Jr.; Keith Thompson, LB, 6-4/230, Sr.
Key returnees: Dwayne Amos, RB, Soph.; Brian Cagle, DT, Jr.; Charles Childers, P, Jr.; Pat Coleman, FL, Sr.; John Darnell, QB, Sr.; Louis Gordon, LB, Soph.; Chris Mitchell, S, Jr.; Darryl Smith, NG, Sr.; Mac Smith, K, Jr.; Jim Earl Thomas, RB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Tyrone Ashley, RB (Prop 48); Randy Baldwin, RB (JC); Burkes Brown, OL; Glenn Brown, WR (Prop 48); Herkey Cantu, OL (Prop 48); Marvin Courtney, TB; Tommy English, QB (JC); Artis Ford, LB; Tony Hervey, DL (Prop 48); Derrick King, LB (RS); Brian Lee, K; Victor Lester, LB (JC); Chuckie Mullins, CB (RS); Maurice Shaw, RB (Prop 48); Russ Shows, QB (RS); Gerald Vaughan, DB (Prop 48); Sebastian Williams, LB (RS).
Schedule: At Memphis State, Sept. 2; at Florida, Sept. 9; Arkansas State, Sept. 16; Arkansas, Sept. 23; Alabama, Oct. 7; Georgia, Oct. 14; at Tulane, Oct. 21; Vanderbilt, Oct. 28; Louisiana State, Nov. 4; at Tennessee, Nov. 18; at Mississippi State, Nov. 25.
Site: Oxford, Miss.

Even the most forgiving of the Ole Miss faithful were calling for the head of Coach Billy Brewer after the first four games of 1988. The Rebels had lost three straight and appeared headed for total collapse.

But on a magical afternoon in Tuscaloosa, Ole Miss shocked Alabama, 22-12, for its first win ever in hallowed Bryant-Denny Stadium. The Rebels won four of their final six games and Brewer's job was secure for another year.

"We have gotten a lot of mileage out of that one," he said.

With a few breaks, Ole Miss could put together its first winning season since 1986 as 13 starters, including eight on defense, return.

The heart of the defensive unit is free safety Todd Sandroni, who finished third nationally with seven interceptions while leading the SEC for the second straight season. He will be joined by linebackers Tony Bennett and Shawn Cobb and noseguard Kelvin Pritchett.

Offensively, Brewer must replace quarterback Mark Young and running backs Joe Mickles and Shawn Sykes.

Senior John Darnell gave up baseball so he could concentrate on winning the starting quarterback job. More of a running threat than Young, Darnell completed 17 of 40 passes as a backup last season. He'll have two of the conference's best receivers in Willie Green and Pat Coleman.

The Rebels have little experience at running back or on the offensive line, where center Dawson Pruett holds fort as the only reliable returnee.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach: Rockey Felker (11-22, 3 years).
1988 record: 1-10. SEC: 0-7/10th.
Key losses: Fred Hadley, FL; Darren Martin, LB; Durward Minor, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (9): Jesse Anderson, TE, 6-3/232, Sr. (switched from RB); Jerry Bouldin, WR, 5-10/193, Jr.; Derrick Dean, G, 6-2/267, Jr.; Mike Hendershot, T, 6-6/281, Sr.; Tony Robertson, C, 6-3/287, Jr.; Tony Shell, QB, 6-2/205, Jr.; Kenny Stewart, G, 6-4/289, Soph. (switched from OT); Sam Wright, TE, 6-4/224, Sr.; Jerrod Young, FB, 5-10/207, Jr. **Defense (10):** Bobby Barlow, T, 6-3/257, Sr.; Desmond Bates, E, 6-2/254, Jr.; Bill Knight, T, 6-5/262, Sr.; Eddie Myles, CB, 5-9/179, Jr.; Jerry Myers, CB, 6-0/175, Sr.; Rocky Nabors, S, 6-2/188, Sr.; Derrell Robertson, LB, 6-6/235, Sr.; Bo Russell, S, 6-3/195, Sr.; James Williams, LB, 6-1/224, Sr.; Robert Young, E, 6-6/248, Jr.
Key returnees: Ternell Edwards, LB, Soph. (switched from TE); David Fair, RB, Jr. (shoulder injury in spring); Dewayne King, LB, Sr. (knee injury in spring); Joel Logan, K, Jr.; Mike Riley, P, Soph.; Eric Underwood, QB, Jr. (missed 9 games in '88/collarbone); Orlando Wade, RB, Jr. ; Albert Williams, S, Jr. (missed 9 games in '88/knee).
Top newcomers: Demetrius Hill, DL (RS/JC); Tony James, WR; Todd Jordan, QB; Ches Liles, QB (Prop 48); William Prince, RB.
Schedule: Vanderbilt, Sept. 2; Southern Mississippi (at Jackson), Sept. 9; at Georgia, Sept. 23; at Florida, Sept. 30; Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 7; Memphis State, Oct. 21; at Auburn, Oct. 28; at Alabama, Nov. 4; Tulane, Nov. 11; at Louisiana State, Nov. 18; Mississippi (at Jackson), Nov. 25.
Site: Starkville, Miss.

No team expected more from itself and received less than Mississippi State. Some preseason forecasts had the Bulldogs contending for the SEC title. But after winning their opener against Louisiana Tech, they lost 10 straight games.

With 19 returning starters, the Bulldogs would appear capable of turning their 1988 fortunes around. But Coach Rockey Felker has warned his players that nobody's job is safe.

"Our whole football team has to move to a higher level of competitiveness," said Felker, who virtually cleaned out his coaching staff, adding seven new assistants. And those assistants have not been bashful about making changes.

One 1988 bright spot was the development of junior quarterback Tony Shell, who became the starter in the Bulldogs' third game and went on to throw for 1,884 yards and 13 touchdowns. He threw for four touchdowns against Georgia, setting a school record.

Leading receiver Fred Hadley is gone, but Jerry Bouldin is back and Jesse Anderson has returned to his natural tight end position. Mississippi State should be

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Best addition: Carl Pickens, WR, Tennessee. Pickens, a redshirt freshman, joins a receiving corps deep in talent, but it won't take him long to rise to the top.

Best addition, runner-up: Tim Cromartie, DT, Auburn. After being shelved by Prop 48 last season, Cromartie will be shelving a few ballcarriers this fall. Cromartie is the latest player to arouse suspicions that the Tigers have a breeding farm for defensive linemen somewhere down on the Plains.

Most likely to bust loose: Kentucky. The Wildcats have the material to finally get over the hump. Coach Jerry Claiborne has methodically rebuilt the program, and the time has come to reap the benefits. Barring major injuries, the Wildcats could make a legitimate run at the conference crown.

Best changes: Mississippi State. The Bulldogs were on the verge of moving up in the standings two seasons ago but never did it. Having revamped his coaching staff, Rocky Felker's team should show marked improvement.

Win or else: Galen Hall is going, going, gone if the Gators suffer another disappointing campaign. Hall is an excellent coach and deserves credit for stabilizing a program in disarray, but the natives have short memories and are getting restless. Don't be surprised if Louisville's Howard Schnellenberger dons a Gator cap next season.

Best conference contest: Auburn vs. Alabama, December 2, at Auburn. That's right, *at* Auburn. The Crimson Tide has never played at Jordan-Hare Stadium before. This contest, the 54th edition of a great rivalry, is a major coup for Pat Dye and the Tigers, who had been trying for years to get their archrival to play on their turf. Considering that Alabama scribes were already writing about the game last spring, the intensity surrounding the game by December will be at a fever pitch.

Best eater: Mike Pfeifer, OT, Kentucky. Wouldn't every tailback like to run behind a 6-foot-7, 300-pound Goliath?

Best bet of the year: Auburn will beat Alabama in 1989.

Most underrated player: Godfrey Myles, LB, Florida. Myles has finally settled at outside linebacker after seeing time at safety last season. He will dominate, following in the footsteps of Wilber Marshall, Alonzo Johnson, Clifford Charlton and current Gator Huey Richardson.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
LOUISIANA STATE	B–	A	B	A	C+	B	A+
AUBURN	B	B+	C+	B	B	C	B–
ALABAMA	B–	C+	C+	C+	B–	A	B–
TENNESSEE	C	C+	A+	C+	C+	B–	B–
KENTUCKY	B–	C+	B–	B–	C+	C+	C+
FLORIDA	C	B+	C	C	B	C–	C+
GEORGIA	C	B	C	C+	B	C	B–
MISSISSIPPI	D	C+	B+	C+	C+	C+	C
MISSISSIPPI STATE	C	C+	C	C	C+	C–	C
VANDERBILT	C–	C	C–	C	C	C	C

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

able to move the ball through the air.

At running back, the Bulldogs will be in good shape if David Fair recovers from the knee injury he suffered last season.

The Bulldogs were last in the league in almost every defensive statistic a year ago, and Felker has spent a lot of time making changes.

Inside linebacker James Williams and strong safety Bo Russell are the top returnees. Felker is counting on junior college All-America Demetrius Hill to provide some muscle up front.

VANDERBILT

Coach: Watson Brown (8-25, 3 years; 30-57-1 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 3-8. SEC: 2-5/T8th.
Key losses: Billy Cunningham, LB; Bill Fitzpatrick, CB; Joe Gentry, S; Mike Johnson, OG; Eric Jones, QB; Boo Mitchell, SE; Tony Pearcey, FL; Craig Witt, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Jim Arnouts, C, 6-1/254, Jr.; Nabil El Sheshai, TE, 6-3/241, Jr.; Brad Gaines, TB, 6-1/219, Jr. (switched to S; knee injury in spring); Corey Harris, FL, 6-1/185, Soph. (switched from WB); Andy McCarroll, FB, 6-3/226, Sr. (switched to LB); Charles Pierson, G, 6-3/264, Sr. **Defense (8):** Doug Bradley, T, 6-2/221, Sr.; Steve Law, CB, 6-1/188, Sr.; Cedric Moore, T, 6-1/288, Jr.; Renford Reese, CB, 6-1/200, Sr. (switched from S); David Summers, LB, 6-3/225, Soph.; Joel Walker, E, 6-4/236, Soph.; DeMond Winston, LB, 6-3/231, Sr.; Tom Wroblewski, E, 6-4/246, Jr. (missed spring/knee).
Key returnees: Kevin Brothen, C, Soph. (switched from DT); Anthony Carter, TB, Soph.; Johnny Clark, S, Sr.; Bobby Craycraft, OG, Soph.; John Gromos, QB, Sr.; Rod Keith, DE, Soph.; Derrick Payne, TB, Soph. (switched from CB); Derrick Sartor, DE, Jr.
Top newcomers: Sam Chalmers, RB; Mike Gandolfo, DT; Tony Jackson, RB; David Lawrence, P (RS); Carlos Thomas, FB (RS).
Schedule: At Mississippi State, Sept. 2; Ohio University, Sept. 23; Alabama, Sept. 30; at Memphis State, Oct. 7; at Florida, Oct. 14; Georgia, Oct. 21; at Mississippi, Oct. 28; at Virginia Tech, Nov. 4; Kentucky, Nov. 11; Tulane, Nov. 18; at Tennessee, Dec. 2.
Site: Nashville, Tenn.

Watson Brown is out to change some perceptions about Vanderbilt football.

Long known as a good offensive team that can put points on the board, Vanderbilt has treated defense as little more than a theoretical exercise. Not any longer.

Eight starters return from last year's defense that allowed 382.5 yards per game, and Brown is so committed to improving the unit that he has moved two offensive starters—Andy McCarroll (fullback) and Brad Gaines (tailback)—to linebacker and free safety, respectively.

"By doing that I think we really have 11 starters, including some of the other moves we made," Brown said. "Also, we have experienced backup help at every position except three."

Middle linebacker DeMond Winston and cornerbacks Renford Reese and Steve Law provide a solid nucleus. Winston led the team with 122 tackles.

Offensively, however, the 3-8 Commodores must replace two of the most productive players in their history in quarterback Eric Jones and wide receiver Boo Mitchell. Jones led the SEC in total offense in both 1987 and 1988, while Mitchell led the conference in receiving last season and broke the SEC career receiving yardage record.

Senior John Gromos will get the nod at quarterback after starting as a freshman, taking a redshirt year as a sophomore and backing up Jones the last two seasons. Gromos is a classic drop-back passer who can hurt you long. He came off the bench last season against Mississippi State when Jones was injured and threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to win the game.

Sophomore Anthony Carter, hobbled much of last season with an injury, will be the starting tailback. Carter has excellent speed and packs plenty of power in his 210-pound frame. ■

SWC teams hope to close dark decade in style

By KIRK BOHLS
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The 1990s are but a long touchdown pass away, and nobody could be happier about that prospect than the gurus of the beleaguered Southwest Conference.

To say that the 1980s have been traumatic for this once-proud bastion of college football is a massive understatement. Six of the conference's nine members have been placed on NCAA football probation, and one, Southern Methodist, quit playing for two seasons. The Mustangs, contrite and undermanned, will limp back into the NCAA mainstream in 1989, leaving only two teams—Houston and Texas A&M—wearing probationary chains.

The decade has proven costly in terms of both money and respect. Texas, one of the elite college football programs in the nation, has slid into an era of mediocrity. Texas A&M and other Southwest institutions have missed lucrative postseason opportunities. Prized Texas high school athletes have taken their talents elsewhere. And the troubled league has become the butt of every writer's jokes.

Only Arkansas, Baylor and Rice have remained clean, and Rice is burdened by an 18-game losing streak, currently the longest in Division I-A. Conference teams have won only 13 of 33 bowl games in the '80s and three of their last nine.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel, however. With Texas A&M eligible to compete in a bowl this season and Arkansas maintaining its usual high standards of football excellence, the conference may be able to turn the decade's corner with some hope for better days.

One thing's for sure. The only way it can go is up.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **ARKANSAS**
   The Hogs remain the team to beat, though they lack a big-play defender.
2. **TEXAS A&M**
   Slocum inherited a well-stocked program that is on the rise.
3. **BAYLOR**
   The Bears will vie for the league crown, though their offensive line is iffy.
4. **TEXAS**
   Tradition, not talent, is the only reason the Longhorns are a first-division pick.
5. **HOUSTON**
   If Pardee can replace some defensive studs, the Cougars could finish first.
6. **TEXAS CHRISTIAN**
   The Horned Frogs are competitive, but a weak defense will be their downfall.
7. **TEXAS TECH**
   The Red Raiders lack quality replacements for key losses on offense.
8. **RICE**
   The addition of Goldsmith should add stability to a program in need.
9. **SOUTHERN METHODIST**
   The Mustangs are starting from scratch and will be winless in '89.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

ARKANSAS

Coach: Ken Hatfield (45-15-1, 5 years; 71-47-2 overall, 10 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (lost to UCLA in Cotton Bowl). SWC: 7-0/1st.
Key losses: Steve Atwater, S; Richard Brothers, CB; Freddie Childress, OG; Kerry Crawford, NG; Reggie Hall, LB; LaSalle Harper, LB; Joe Johnson, HB; Otis Lloyd, LB; Wayne Martin, DT; James Morris, OG; Kerry Owens, LB; Chad Rolen, NG.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Rick Apolskis, T, 6-4/267, Sr.; Elbert Crawford, C, 6-3/269, Sr.; Barry Foster, FB, 5-10/216, Jr. (switched to TB); Quinn Grovey, QB, 5-10/181, Jr.; Tim Horton, SE, 5-9/179, Sr.; Aaron Jackson, WB, 5-11/210, Jr.; Jim Mabry, T, 6-4/264, Sr.; Billy Winston, TE, 6-2/242, Sr. **Defense (3):** Anthony Cooney, CB, 6-2/207, Sr.; Michael Shepherd, T, 6-4/267, Sr.; Patrick Williams, S, 6-2/195, Sr.
Key returnees: Kirk Collins, S, Soph.; Ben Floor, CB, Jr.; JuJu Harshaw, FB, Jr.; Mark Henry, OG, Soph. (knee injury in spring); Ty Mason, LB, Soph.; Allen Meacham, P, Sr.; Tony Ollison, DT, Jr.; MacKenzie Phillips, DT, Soph.; Kerwin Price, HB, Soph. (wrist injury in spring); James Rouse, HB, Sr.; Derek Russell, SE, Jr.; Jimmy Williams, QB, Jr. (knee injury in spring).
Top newcomers: Gary Adams, QB (RS); Ken Benson, LB (JC); Brendan Cook, SE; Michael Cover, LB (JC); Ron Dickerson, HB; Shon Flores, OG (JC); Darwin Ireland, S; E.D. Jackson, HB (RS); Tommy Jones, DT; Owen Kelly, NG (RS); Scott Long, DT (RS; switched to DT); Todd Wright, K (RS).
Schedule: Tulsa, Sept. 16; at Mississippi, Sept. 23; Texas-El Paso (at Little Rock), Sept. 30; at Texas Christian, Oct. 7; at Texas Tech, Oct. 14; Texas, Oct. 21; Houston (at Little Rock), Oct. 28; at Rice, Nov. 4; Baylor, Nov. 11; at Texas A&M, Nov. 18; Southern Methodist (at Little Rock), Nov. 25.
Site: Fayetteville, Ark.

There was nothing dark or gloomy about the 1988 Razorbacks. Arkansas is coming off a banner season in which it won 10 games, captured a conference championship and played in the Cotton Bowl (a 17-3 loss to UCLA).

But Coach Ken Hatfield will be hard-pressed to match those accomplishments in 1989. Gone are three key assistant coaches and eight starters from a defensive unit that ranked fourth nationally against the run (91.8 yards per game).

Two of the three assistants, offensive coordinator David Lee and defensive coordinator Fred Goldsmith, left to become head coaches at Texas-El Paso and Rice, respectively. Jack Crowe, a Clemson assistant, will replace Lee, with secondary coach Bob Trott moving up to Goldsmith's job.

Trott will be working with a small, quick defense that must rely heavily on three returning starters.

Safety Patrick Williams, who led the conference with six interceptions, joins returning cornerback Anthony Cooney in the secondary. Michael Shepherd is an all-conference tackle.

Offensive lineman Mike Benson was moved to noseguard, and the Razorbacks expect line help from tackles Tony Ollison and MacKenzie Phillips. Kirk Collins has the tools to replace all-conference safety Steve Atwater, but Arkansas will have difficulty restocking its linebacking unit.

Arkansas' offensive picture looks much brighter. Crowe will stick with the Hogs' vaunted option but plans to incorporate more I-formation plays into the attack. Toward that end, he shifted fullback Barry Foster and wingback Aaron Jackson to tailback.

Foster, a 5-foot-10, 216-pounder, ran for 660 yards last season. There's plenty of depth at the tailback spot with Jackson and the oft-injured James Rouse fighting for playing time. Foster's backup for the last two seasons, JuJu Harshaw, should handle fullback duties.

Quinn Grovey will be back at the controls. The junior quarterback is a master at the option and a speedster whom Hatfield calls "the most feared runner in the open field in the conference." Grovey, however, attempted just 98 passes last year and has thrown only five touchdown passes in his two seasons. Tight end Billy Winston and wideouts Tim Horton and Derek Russell are dangerous receivers when they get their hands on the ball.

With center Elbert Crawford, tackles Jim Mabry and Rick Apolskis and guard Mark Henry, the Razorbacks have the nucleus of a strong offensive line.

Hatfield must replace consensus All-America placekicker Kendall Trainor. The leading candidate is redshirt freshman Todd Wright.

TEXAS A&M

Coach: R.C. Slocum (first year at Texas A&M).
1988 record: 7-5. SWC: 6-1/2nd.
Key losses: Dana Batiste, LB; Adam Bob, LB; Leon Cole, DE; Jerry Fontenot, OG; O'Neil Gilbert, NG; Rod Harris, WR; Basil Jackson, LB; L.B. Moon, OT; Alex Morris, CB; Bucky Richardson, QB (expected to miss '89/knee); John Roper, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Mike Arthur, C, 6-4/260, Jr.; Darren Lewis, HB, 5-11/210, Jr.; Matt McCall, T, 6-7/295, Jr.; Gary Oliver, FL, 6-2/185, Jr.; Brian Ross, TE, 6-5/235, Sr.; Richmond Webb, G, 6-7/280, Sr.; Robert Wilson, FB, 6-1/235, Soph. **Defense (5):** Gary Jones, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; Terry Price, E, 6-4/250, Sr.; William Thomas, LB, 6-3/200, Jr. (switched from S); Aaron Wallace, LB, 6-4/225, Sr.; Mickey Washington, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.
Key returnees: Keith Alex, OT, Soph.; John Cooper, LB, Sr.; Pat Cunningham, DE, Sr. (switched from OT); Shane Garrett, WR, Jr.; Larry Horton, S, Jr. (switched from RB); Jeff Huff, DE, Jr.; John Martin, NG, Soph.; Keith McAfee, RB, Soph.; Chris Osgood, QB, Sr.; Cornelius Patterson, WR, Jr.; Lance Pavlas, QB, Jr.; Dennis Ransom, DE, Jr. (switched from TE); Jeroy Robinson, LB, Sr.; Randy Simmons, FB, Soph.; Layne Talbot, K, Jr.; Percy Waddle, SE, Sr.; James Webb, LB, Soph.; Sean Wilson, P, Jr.
Top newcomers: Eric Brown, WR (Prop 48); Brad Cooper, DL; Quentin Coryatt, LB (Prop 48); Tyler Harrison, DL; Trent Lewis, LB (RS); Trey Logan, LB (RS); Kenneth Nor-



James Rouse, Arkansas' oft-injured tailback, will be fighting for playing time this season.

man, DB; Scott Sagraves, TE; Terry Venetoulias, K.
Schedule: Louisiana State, Sept. 2; at Washington, Sept. 9; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 30; at Texas Tech, Oct. 7; Houston, Oct. 14; at Baylor, Oct. 21; at Rice, Oct. 28; Southern Methodist, Nov. 4; Arkansas, Nov. 18; at Texas Christian, Nov. 25; Texas, Dec. 2.
Site: College Station, Tex.

After spending 16 of the last 17 years as an Aggie assistant, R.C. Slocum was named the 26th head coach in Texas A&M history. The school's defensive coordinator for the last seven years was elevated when Jackie Sherrill resigned amid turmoil over a program that was handed a two-year probation last September.

Besides having to steady a team that has produced five straight winning seasons and three Cotton Bowl appearances in four years, Slocum must polish a passing game that has grown dull.

With that in mind, Slocum hired Oregon offensive coordinator Bob Toledo, who helped develop quarterback Chris Miller into a first-round National Football League draft pick (1987). Toledo will try to work that same magic with junior Lance Pavlas, a backup last season to Bucky Richardson, who is rehabilitating from a knee injury.

"Lance has got to be the guy until he proves he can't do it," Toledo said. "He was shattered and didn't have a lot of confidence. We want to assure him he's not going to be yanked the first time he makes a mistake."

With such talent surrounding him as tailback Darren Lewis, a Heisman Trophy candidate, fullback Robert Wilson and receivers Gary Oliver, Percy Waddle, Cornelius Patterson and Shane Garrett, Pavlas won't have to try to carry the load.

Lewis ran for 1,692 yards last season, finishing second nationally to Heisman winner Barry Sanders. The junior is a rugged back with sprinter's speed who has played in 23 of 24 games despite an assortment of nagging injuries. He has reached the 100-yard mark 10 times.

Lewis will run behind a strong line that includes center Mike Arthur, guard Richmond Webb and tackle Matt McCall.

Because of Lewis' durability, Slocum moved tailback Larry Horton to free safety, bolstering one of the league's best secondaries. Strong safety Gary Jones and cornerback Mickey Washington anchor the unit that will be asked to hold together a defense that lost six starters to graduation and two potential starters (ends Jeff Huff and Albert Jones) to knee injuries in the spring.

Outside linebacker Aaron Wallace is a sack specialist who should challenge for national honors.

BAYLOR

Coach: Grant Teaff (102-86-5, 17 years; 144-132-7 overall, 27 years).
1988 record: 6-5. SWC: 2-5/T5th.
Key losses: David Bell, TE; Norris Blount, CB; Ray Crockett, CB; Vince Carpenter, DT; Sam Collins, DE; Rod Duffie, DT; Bobby Jack Goforth, FL (expected to miss '89/knee); Eugene Hall, DE; Charles Perry, TB; Bobby Sign, C; Dennis Smith, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Greg Anderson, SE, 5-10/164, Jr.; Mark Bass, C, 6-4/274, Jr. (switched from OT); Brad Goebel, QB, 6-3/193, Jr.; Monte Jones, G, 6-2/297, Soph.; Eldwin Raphel, TB, 5-10/170, Jr.; John Turnpaugh, G, 6-2/320, Soph. **Defense (5):** Robert Blackmon, S, 5-11/195, Sr.; James Francis, LB, 6-4/246, Sr.; Malcolm Frank, CB, 5-8/178, Jr.; Gary Joe Kinne, LB, 5-11/225, Sr.; Daniel Morgan, LB, 5-10/198, Jr.
Key returnees: Charles Bell, CB, Jr.; Santana Dotson, DT, Soph. (switched from DE); Reggie Howard, DT, Jr.; John Godfrey, DE, Jr. (switched from LB); Brian Hand, LB, Jr. (switched from FL); Jeff Ireland, K, Soph.; Robin Jones, DE, Soph. (switched from LB); Scott McCool, C, Sr.; Jeffrey Murray, FB, Sr.; Anthony Ray, FB, Soph.; Trooper Taylor, S, Soph.; Mike Welch, S, Jr.
Top newcomers: Lincoln Coleman, TB (transfer/Notre Dame); Albert Fontenot, DE; Albert Greggs, OT (Prop 48); Ronald Grimes, LB (Prop 48); Marcus Lowe, DT (transfer/Oklahoma); Mike McKenzie, DE (Prop 48); David Mims, TB (RS); Robert Strait, TB.
Schedule: At Oklahoma, Sept. 9; at Georgia, Sept. 16; Kansas, Sept. 23; Texas Tech, Sept. 30; at Houston, Oct. 7; at Southern Methodist, Oct. 14; Texas A&M, Oct. 21; Texas Christian, Oct. 28; at Arkansas, Nov. 11; Rice, Nov. 18; at Texas, Nov. 25.
Site: Waco, Tex.

Grant Teaff, one of the most requested speakers around the country, may do his next engagement at the Mayo Clinic.

"Over half of our football team was out this spring," the dean of Southwest Conference coaches said. "We had an exorbitant number of injuries last year, the most since 1978."

The carry-over into 1989 has Teaff understandably worried. Two key members of his secondary, free safety Mike Welch and strong safety Robert Blackmon, are questionable, while his top receiver and punt returner, Bobby Jack Goforth, probably will miss the season after dislocating his knee and tearing ligaments in spring practice. Welch is rehabilitating from knee surgery and Blackmon spent the summer trying to improve his grades.

"That was a tragedy," Teaff said of Goforth. "He was a Mr. Jack-of-all-Trades. It's horrifying when you think how thin we are at receiver. We've only got four on campus, and two are redshirt freshmen."

Teaff hopes to make up for that deficiency with a deep backfield that will feature quarterback Brad Goebel and a corps of young, talented runners.

Goebel, only a junior, already is on the verge of breaking all of Baylor's career passing marks. He threw for 1,524 yards and nine touchdowns last season en route to all-conference honors.

Eldwin Raphel was Baylor's top rusher last season (583 yards), but he will have to fight off the challenges of Notre Dame transfer Lincoln Coleman and blue-chip freshman recruit Robert Strait. Jeffrey Murray and Anthony Ray will fight for time at the fullback spot.

"Strait's probably the most nationally recognized recruit we've had," Teaff said of the Cuero, Tex., product who rushed for 8,404 yards and scored a national-record 127 career touchdowns.

Sophomore guards John Turnpaugh and Monte Jones will anchor a young offensive line. Junior Mark Bass will move from tackle to center.

If everybody remains healthy and academically eligible, Baylor's defense should be solid.

Linemen Santana Dotson and Robin Jones should anchor the front wall, James Francis is the impact player in a linebacking corps that also includes Gary Joe Kinne and Daniel Morgan, and Blackmon and Welch return to the secondary.

TEXAS

Coach: David McWilliams (11-12, 2 years; 18-16-1 overall, 3 years).
1988 record: 4-7. SWC: 2-5/T5th.
Key losses: Lee Brockman, LB; Alan Champagne, C; Bobby Duncum, LB; Britt Hager, LB; Eric Metcalf, TB; Darron Norris, FB; Omar Saleh, OG.

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PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHWEST TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	TONY JONES, Texas	5-07/139	Senior
WR	GARY OLIVER, Texas A&M	6-02/185	Junior
TE	BILLY WINSTON, Arkansas	6-02/242	Senior
T	JOEY BANES, Houston	6-07/280	Senior
T	MATT McCALL, Texas A&M	6-07/295	Junior
C	MIKE ARTHUR, Texas A&M	6-04/260	Junior
G	JOHN TURNPAUGH, Baylor	6-02/320	Soph.
G	RICHMOND WEBB, Texas A&M	6-07/280	Senior
QB	ANDRE WARE, Houston	6-02/205	Junior
RB	*BARRY FOSTER, Arkansas	5-10/216	Junior
RB	DARREN LEWIS, Texas A&M	5-11/210	Junior
RB	CHUCK WEATHERSPOON, Houston	5-07/210	Junior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	DARRELL DAVIS, Texas Christian	6-02/253	Senior
DL	SANTANA DOTSON, Baylor	6-05/260	Soph.
DL	ROBIN JONES, Baylor	6-03/240	Soph.
DL	MICHAEL SHEPHERD, Arkansas	6-04/267	Senior
DL	FRED WASHINGTON, Texas Christian	6-03/280	Senior
LB	GARY JOE KINNE, Baylor	5-11/225	Senior
LB	JAMES FRANCIS, Baylor	6-04/246	Senior
LB	LAMAR LATHON, Houston	6-03/230	Senior
LB	AARON WALLACE, Texas A&M	6-04/225	Senior
DB	ROBERT BLACKMON, Baylor	5-11/195	Senior
DB	ALTON MONTGOMERY, Houston	6-00/200	Senior
DB	MIKE WELCH, Baylor	6-02/203	Junior
DB	PATRICK WILLIAMS, Arkansas	6-02/195	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	ROMAN ANDERSON, Houston	5-10/180	Soph.
P	BOBBY LILLJEDAHL, Texas	6-05/220	Senior


Banes


Lewis


Washington


Blackmon

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	TIM HORTON, Arkansas	5-09/179	Senior
WR	BRIAN WILLIAMS, Houston	5-10/160	Junior
TE	VODIE BAUCHAM, Rice	6-02/230	Soph.
T	ED CUNNINGHAM, Texas	6-07/295	Senior
T	JIM MABRY, Arkansas	6-04/264	Senior
C	LEN WRIGHT, Texas Tech	6-02/270	Senior
G	MARK HENRY, Arkansas	6-05/262	Soph.
G	MIKE SULLIVAN, Texas Christian	6-03/278	Junior
QB	BRAD GOEBEL, Baylor	6-03/193	Junior
RB	*KIMBLE ANDERS, Houston	5-11/205	Senior
RB	JAMES GRAY, Texas Tech	5-10/210	Senior
RB	ERIC HENLEY, Rice	5-08/160	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	OSCAR GILES, Texas	6-03/236	Junior
DL	TROY HENINGTON, Texas Tech	6-03/265	Senior
DL	ALFRED OGLESBY, Houston	6-03/270	Senior
DL	CHARLES PERRY, Texas Tech	6-04/270	Senior
DL	JACQUE TORRES, Rice	6-02/285	Soph.
LB	REGGIE BURNETTE, Houston	6-03/235	Junior
LB	MIKE DERRYBERRY, Texas Tech	6-01/235	Senior
LB	DUANE DUNCUM, Texas	6-04/232	Senior
LB	BRIAN JONES, Texas	6-03/245	Junior
DB	WILLIE MACK GARZA, Texas	5-09/170	Soph.
DB	DONALD HARRIS, Texas Tech	6-01/180	Junior
DB	GARY JONES, Texas A&M	6-02/200	Senior
DB	MICKEY WASHINGTON, Texas A&M	5-11/180	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	WAYNE CLEMENTS, Texas	6-00/175	Senior
P	SIMON RODRIGUEZ, Houston	5-10/178	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


Mabry


Henley


Derryberry


Duncum

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Lewis, Texas A&M	306	1692	5.5	153.8
Weatherspoon, Hou.	118	1004	8.5	91.3
Gray, Texas Tech	172	938	5.5	85.3
Darthard, TCU	192	854	4.4	77.6

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Grovey, Arkansas	98	62	966	153.4
Ware, Houston	356	212	2507	137.4
Dacus, Houston	212	123	1597	134.9
Goebel, Baylor	237	117	1524	102.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Ware, Houston	-48	2507	2459	223.6
Lewis, Texas A&M	1692	0	1692	153.8
Dacus, Houston	-95	1597	1502	150.2
Goebel, Baylor	-58	1524	1466	146.6

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Jones, Texas	42	838	20.0	3.8
Williams, Houston	34	538	15.8	3.1

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Anderson, Houston	0	51	19	108	9.8
Gray, Texas Tech	15	0	0	90	8.2

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Lilljedahl, Texas	61	2598	42.6
Simmons, Texas Tech	46	1939	42.2
Meacham, Arkansas	53	2203	41.6
Rodriguez, Houston	66	2731	41.4

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Anders, Houston	17	205	0	12.1
Horton, Arkansas	26	258	0	9.9
Goforth, Baylor	40	382	0	9.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Foster, Arkansas	23	445	0	19.4
Henley, Rice	24	410	0	17.1

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Anderson, Houston	25	19	76.0	1.7
Clements, Texas	23	14	60.9	1.3
Parsons, Rice	17	9	52.9	.8
Ireland, Baylor	16	6	37.5	.6

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Richard, Texas	6	92	0	0.55
Williams, Arkansas	6	57	1	0.55
Price, Houston	4	39	1	0.40

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Arkansas	7	0	0	10	2	0
*Texas A&M	6	1	0	7	5	0
Houston	5	2	0	9	3	0
Texas Tech	4	3	0	5	6	0
Baylor	2	5	0	6	5	0
Texas	2	5	0	4	7	0
Texas Christian	2	5	0	4	7	0
Rice	0	7	0	0	11	0

*Ineligible for SWC championship.

Starters returning: Offense (7): Stephen Clark, TE, 6-5/234, Sr. (foot injury in spring); Tony Jones, WR, 5-7/139, Sr.; Duane Miller, G, 6-3/278, Jr.; Mark Murdock, QB, 6-2/189, Soph.; Charles Seafous, T, 6-5/281, Jr.; Stan Thomas, T, 6-6/279, Jr.; Johnny Walker, FL, 6-1/174, Jr. **Defense (8):** Paul Behrman, CB, 5-11/184, Jr. (switched from S); Mark Berry, CB, 6-1/163, Soph.; Duane Duncum, LB, 6-4/232, Sr.; Roger Fritcher, T, 6-5/280, Sr.; Willie Mack Garza, S, 5-9/170, Soph. (switched from CB); Oscar Giles, E, 6-3/236, Jr.; Ken Hackemack, T, 6-9/288, Sr.; Stanley Richard, CB, 6-2/189, Jr. (switched from S).
Key returnees: Keith Cash, FL, Jr.; Kerry Cash, TE, Jr.; Wayne Clements, K, Sr.; Deon Cockrell, FB, Jr.; Ed Cunningham, OT, Sr.; Tal Elliot, C, Sr.; Bubba Jacques, S, Soph.; Tommy Jeter, DE, Soph.; James Lee, S, Sr.; Bobby Lilljedahl, P, Sr.; Mical Padgett, LB, Soph.; Chris Samuels, RB, Jr.; Mark Steed, DE, Jr.; Patrick Wilson, FB, Soph. (switched from DB).
Top newcomers: Jason Burleson, QB (RS); Sam Adams, OL; Graylin Johnson, DB (RS); Brian Jones, LB (transfer/UCLA); Todd Smith, C; Adrian Walker, RB.
Schedule: At Colorado, Sept. 4; at Southern Methodist, Sept. 23; Penn State, Sept. 30; Rice, Oct. 7; Oklahoma (at Dallas), Oct. 14; at Arkansas, Oct. 21; Texas Tech, Nov. 4; at Houston, Nov. 11; Texas Christian, Nov. 18; Baylor, Nov. 25; at Texas A&M, Dec. 2.
Site: Austin, Tex.

When you mention last year's 4-7 season to David McWilliams, the Texas coach simply shakes his head.

"It's over," McWilliams said of the Longhorns' worst season since 1956. "I'm not happy about it, but we're working harder to see it doesn't happen again."

To ensure that Texas doesn't have back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since the mid-1930s, McWilliams revamped his coaching staff. Six assistants return, but only three at the posts they held last season.

The most welcome newcomer is offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee, one of the nation's top strategists. Amedee spent the 1988 season at Florida after helping direct Texas A&M to three straight Cotton Bowl appearances (1985-87). Amedee will have his work cut out for him at Texas.

Calling the signals under Amedee's direction will be Mark Murdock, a sophomore who threw for 1,189 yards and 10 touchdowns last season as a redshirt freshman. But Murdock also threw 13 interceptions and is not the most mobile quarterback around.

Murdock will have inviting targets in wide receiver Tony Jones, a lightning-quick speedster who averaged 20 yards on 42 receptions last year, and tight end Stephen Clark. He'll be operating behind an offensive line that returns guard Duane Miller and tackles Stan Thomas and Charles Seafous. Big Ed Cunningham (6-7, 295) will challenge for a tackle slot.

Junior running back Chris Samuels has potential, but he'll have a tough time replacing the super-talented but oft-injured Eric Metcalf.

The key to defensive improvement could be Brian Jones, a rugged linebacker who will be eligible after transferring from UCLA. He could team with talented Mical Padgett, who has sat out most of the last two seasons with a serious knee injury. Linebacker Duane Duncum also returns, as do tackles Ken Hackemack and Roger Fritcher and end Oscar Giles.



Tony Jones, Texas' lightning quick wide receiver, is an inviting target.

Willie Mack Garza is the top returnee in a secondary that allowed an unsightly 227.7 yards passing per game. McWilliams will look for improvement from backs Mark Berry, Stanley Richard and Paul Behrman.

The Longhorns' kicking game is solid with punter Bobby Lilljedahl and placekicker Wayne Clements.

HOUSTON

Coach: Jack Pardee (13-9-1, 2 years).
1988 record: 9-3 (lost to Washington State in Aloha Bowl). SWC: 5-2/3rd.
Key losses: James Dixon, WR; William Gant, C; Paul Hearn, OG; Johnny Jackson, CB; Keith Jenkins, DE; Glenn Montgomery, DT; Terry Moser, OT; Johnny Norwood, S; Jason Phillips, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Joey Banes, T, 6-7/280, Sr.; Byron Forsythe, C, 6-3/285, Sr. (switched from OG); Kevin Mason, WR, 6-3/170, Jr.; Andre Ware, QB, 6-2/205, Jr.; Chuck Weatherspoon, RB, 5-7/210, Jr.; Brian Williams, WR, 5-10/160, Jr. **Defense (7):** Reggie Burnette, LB, 6-3/235, Jr.; Mecridric Calloway, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Lamar Lathon, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.; Alton Montgomery, S, 6-0/200, Sr.; Alfred Oglesby, T, 6-3/270, Sr.; Ed Thomas, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.; Darren Warren, E, 6-2/250, Sr.
Key returnees: Kimble Anders, RB, Sr.; Roman Anderson, K, Soph.; Robert McDade, DT, Sr.; Cornelius Price, CB, Jr.; Simon Rodriguez, P, Sr.; Craig Veasey, DE, Sr.
Top newcomers: Charles Bowman, OL, Jr. (JC/RS); Verlond Brown, WR (JC); Henry LeBlanc, WR (JC); Manny Santos, WR (JC).
Schedule: At Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept. 2; at Arizona State, Sept. 23; Temple, Sept. 30; Baylor, Oct. 7; at Texas A&M, Oct. 14; Southern Methodist, Oct. 21; at Arkansas, Oct. 28; at Texas Christian, Nov. 4; Texas, Nov. 11; Texas Tech, Nov. 25; at Rice, Dec. 2.
Site: Houston.

Houston was downright offensive last season, and Coach Jack Pardee plans more of the same in '89.

The high-powered Cougars literally rolled to a 9-2 regular-season record before falling to Washington State in the Aloha Bowl. Their double quarterback whammy of David Dacus and Andre Ware threw for 4,104 yards and 38 touchdowns. Running back Chuck Weatherspoon rushed for 1,019 yards and a Division I-A-leading 8.5 yards per carry. Two receivers, Jason Phillips and James Dixon, caught 2,547 yards worth of passes. The Cougars ranked in the top four nationally in total offense (484.6 yards per game), scoring (41.1 points per game) and passing offense (377.5 yards per game).

Dacus, Phillips and Dixon are gone, but the return of Ware and Weatherspoon to Pardee's run-and-shoot offense is bad news for conference defenses. Ware threw for an SWC-record 25 touchdowns.

"It looks like he's stepped up to another level," Pardee said. "A lot of people don't realize he had played in only three games before last season. We've always known the ability he's had, but now there's no indecision in what he wants to do. I wouldn't trade him for anybody else's."

The loss of three offensive linemen and the two big receivers will be Pardee's biggest problem. But wideout Brian Williams returns and Pardee restocked his receiving corps with redshirt freshman Tracy Good and junior college transfers Manny Santos, Henry LeBlanc and Verlond Brown, all speed-burners.

The line will be thin, but tackle Joey Banes is top-notch and center Byron Forsythe is reliable.

Pardee returns seven starters from a defense that allowed only 3.7 yards per play. Alton Montgomery, one of the top safeties in the country, returns along with linebackers Lamar Lathon and Reggie Burnette and tackle Alfred Oglesby.

Placekicker Roman Anderson and punter Simon Rodriguez are two of the top kickers in the conference.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Coach: Jim Wacker (24-41-2, 6 years; 128-74-3 overall, 18 years).
1988 record: 4-7. SWC: 2-5/T5th.
Key losses: Mitchell Benson, DE; Reggie Davis, SE; Jarrod Delaney, FL; Paul Llewellyn, LB; Lee Newman, K; Falanda Newton, S; Stanley Petry, CB; David Rascoe, QB; Tracy Simien, DE; Andre Spencer, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Rob Adams, G, 6-5/295, Sr. (status questionable/knee); Bret Alexander, T, 6-7/295, Soph.; Kelly Blackwell, TE, 6-2/238, Soph.; Tony Darthard, RB, 5-9/197, Sr.; Bill Elliott, G, 6-5/285, Jr. (switched from OT); Jeff Hopkins, T, 6-4/300, Sr. (status questionable/knee); Cedric Jackson, RB, 6-0/222, Sr.; Mike Sullivan, G, 6-3/278, Jr. **Defense (5):** Richard Booker, LB, 6-2/235, Jr.; Levoil Crump, S, 6-3/215, Sr.; Darrell Davis, DE, 6-2/253, Sr.; Greg Moore, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Fred Washington, T, 6-3/280, Sr.
Key returnees: Mike Bulla, C, Sr. (switched from OT); Roosevelt Collins, DE, Soph.; Ed Galaviz, CB, Soph.; Ron Jiles, QB, Sr.; Tommy Palmer, TE, Sr. (switched from RB).
Top newcomers: Henry Anders, CB (RS);

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DIVISION I-A

Larry Brown, DB (JC); Leon Clay, QB (RS); Michael Jackson, RB (RS; knee injury in spring); Robert McWright, CB, Sr.; Matt Mooney, LB; Toby Morey, WR; Mike Noack, WR (RS); Rob Phenix, OT (RS); Brad Smith, LB (RS).
Schedule: At Missouri, Sept. 9; Texas A&M, Sept. 16; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 23; Southern Methodist, Sept. 30; Arkansas, Oct. 7; at Rice, Oct. 14; Air Force, Oct. 21; at Baylor, Oct. 28; Houston, Nov. 4; at Texas Tech, Nov. 11; at Texas, Nov. 18.
Site: Fort Worth.

After four consecutive losing seasons, TCU Coach Jim Wacker decided on drastic measures. He hired Arizona offensive coordinator Ben Griffith to install the triple-shoot offense, a hybrid of the veer running attack and the dynamic run-and-shoot passing game. And how does he view the switch after watching his team try to adapt during spring practice?

"With fear and trepidation," said Wacker, who has seven returning starters around which to build. "This is not Wacker's creation. Ben helped put it in at Georgia Southern, New Mexico and Arizona. We'll be throwing the ball at least 50 percent of the time."

Ron Jiles, a fifth-year senior who passed for 1,865 yards and 33 touchdowns as a high school senior, figures to be the quarterback, although he never has started a game at TCU. Should he falter, redshirt freshman Leon Clay will take over.

Jiles should be joined in the backfield by talented Tony Darthard, who rushed for 854 yards last season despite a painful rib injury. Redshirt freshman Michael Jackson was running with authority in the spring until he suffered a knee injury.

Talented guard Mike Sullivan anchors an offensive line that lost only one starter.

Tackle Fred Washington and end Darrell Davis are the heart and soul of a defense that got pushed around in 1988. Other experienced returnees are safety Levoil Crump and linebackers Richard Booker and Greg Moore.

TEXAS TECH

Coach: Spike Dykes (11-11-1, 2 years).
1988 record: 5-6. SWC: 4-3/4th.
Key losses: Eddy Anderson, WB; Boyd Cowan, S; Ervin Farris, FB; Terry Lynch, DE; James Mosley, LB; Desmond Royal, DT; Merv Scurlark, CB; Chris Shafer, OG; Tyrone Thurman, WB; Billy Joe Tolliver, QB; Dal Watson, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): James Gray, RB, 5-10/210, Sr.; Charles Lott, TE, 6-3/250, Jr.; Charles Odiorne, T, 6-4/280, Sr.; Nathan Richburg, G, 6-2/280, Sr.; Tommy Webb, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; Len Wright, C, 6-2/270, Sr. **Defense (5):** Mike Derryberry, LB, 6-1/235, Sr.; Donald Harris, S, 6-1/180, Jr. (might play pro baseball); Tom Mathiasmeier, E, 6-2/240, Sr.; Charles Perry, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Sammy Walker, CB, 5-11/190, Soph.
Key returnees: Rodney Blackshear, WB, Jr.; Doug Bonds, CB, Soph. (switched from QB); Brian Dubiski, CB, Soph. (switched from S); Bill DuBose, OT, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Lin Elliott, K, Soph.; Jamie Gill, QB, Soph.; Troy Henington, DT, Sr.; Jessie Hurst, OG, Sr.; Joe McBride, DE, Sr. (switched from LB); Travis Price, SE, Sr.; Louis Sheffield, FB, Soph. (switched from RB); Jamie Simmons, P, Sr.; Kevin Sprinkles, TE, Sr.; Marcus Washington, DE, Soph. (switched from LB); Clifton Winston, RB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Craig Biggurs, OT; Michael Brisco, LB; Chester Fuller, FB (RS); Ben Kirkpatrick, LB (RS); Scottie Littleton, CB (RS; knee injury in spring); Fred Nixon, CB (Prop 48); Steve Stewart, TE (Prop 48); James Walker, WR (Prop 48); Stephon Weatherspoon, LB (JC); Jon Wood, DT (JC).
Schedule: Arizona, Sept. 9; New Mexico, Sept. 16; at Oklahoma State, Sept. 23; at Baylor, Sept. 30; Texas A&M, Oct. 7; Arkansas, Oct. 14; Rice, Oct. 21; at Texas, Nov. 4; Texas Christian, Nov. 11; at Southern Methodist, Nov. 18; at Houston, Nov. 25.
Site: Lubbock, Tex.

Red Raiders Coach Spike Dykes has some big shoes to fill. Gone are Billy Joe Tolliver, who passed for 6,756 yards in four seasons, and receiver Tyrone Thurman, one of the top kick returners in the nation. Prospects are not high for a team that finished 5-6 in 1988.

Dykes will replace Tolliver with either sophomore Jamie Gill, who has thrown 10 passes in his career, or senior walk-on Larry Lorenz, who has thrown none.

The presence of nine of last year's 10 offensive linemen will help considerably, especially since Texas Tech also lost three of its top four receivers. Included among the six fifth-year seniors fighting for starting jobs on the interior line are center Len Wright, tackle Charles Odiorne and guard Nathan Richburg.

Texas Tech may install an option attack to better use the talents of senior running back James Gray, who is a good bet to become the school's leading rusher and scorer this fall.

If the Red Raiders are to make any noise, their defense will have to improve. Five starters return to the unit that ranked last in the conference.

Free safety Donald Harris, who plays center field for the Texas Tech baseball team, will have to do the same for a defense that also returns linebacker Mike Derryberry, linemen Troy Henington and Charles Perry and cornerback Sammy Walker.

RICE

Coach: Fred Goldsmith (first year at Rice; 2-7-1 overall, 1 year).
1988 record: 0-11. SWC: 0-7/8th.
Key losses: David Alston, DT; Mike Boudousquie, WR; Lorenzo Cyphers, FB; Mike Gonzales, OT; Courtney Hall, C; Jeff Hood, LB; Ted Humphreys, NG; Wade Lee, LB; David Maberry, OT; David Mangold, TE; William McClay, DB; Quentis Roper, QB.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Allen Koch, G, 6-3/290, Sr.; Merritt Robinson, WR, 6-2/180, Jr.; Richard Segina, G, 6-3/260, Jr.; Richard Williams, RB, 5-11/190, Sr. **Defense (6):** Donald Bowers, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; O.J. Brigance, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Everett Coleman, S, 5-9/180, Sr.; Donald Hollas, S, 6-3/220, Jr. (switched to QB); Otha Latin, CB, 5-10/170, Soph.; Jacque Torres, T, 6-2/285, Soph.
Key returnees: Paul Brotze, NG, Soph.; Nigel Codrington, CB, Jr.; Joel Dawson, LB, Soph.; Richard Duggan, LB, Soph.; Will Hollas, LB, Sr. (RS); Eric Henley, RB, Soph.; Greg King, CB, Jr.; Chris Nixon, WR, Sr. (RS); Clint Parsons, K, Jr.; Joey Rosenborough, OT,

Who'll Fill Trainor's Shoes?



It may be only coincidence that Todd Wright wears the same size 10 shoes as did his predecessor, but that doesn't mean Arkansas is completely prepared to say it has filled Kendall Trainor's shoes.

You don't insert a redshirt freshman placekicker into a role previously held by a consensus All-America who was virtually automatic. Or do you? In truth, Arkansas' tradition at kicker has been so rich that perhaps only the Razorbacks could say goodbye to the best kicker in the nation and say hello to Mr. Right. Or, in this case, Mr. Wright.



Todd Wright

"I feel good about Todd," Razorbacks Coach Ken Hatfield said. "I think he'll have an outstanding year."

He came close to having the chance for an outstanding year last season. After missing a field goal and an extra-point attempt in the first half against Ole Miss, Trainor was within one more miss of losing his job. But he made his next field-goal try and eventually finished with 24 consecutive regular-season field goals, a Southwest Conference record.

With Trainor on a roll, Wright was content to ride the pine. "It was real easy to sit behind an All-America," he said. "It would have been hard if he hadn't had such a great year."

Now the job is Wright's, and he can't wait for the first game. "I like the butterfly feeling of a game," he said. "There's no telling what I can do in a game. I just say, 'Put me in, Coach, and let's see what I can do.'"

A remarkably accurate kicker, Wright has dead-eye range from inside 45 yards and has hit a 63-yarder in practice. His degree of direction will be tested this season when the NCAA institutes its new no-tee rule. Wright prepared last fall by using a one-inch tee, weaning himself away from the two-inch tee.

Wright's goal is simple. "I'd like to think I can break Kendall's record," he said. "I'll be disappointed if I don't continue his streak. I want to be perfect."

—KIRK BOHLS

SCOUTING THE SWC

Best addition: Vodie Baucham, TE, Rice. His potential alone makes Baucham the Owls' best tight end of this decade. Baucham has three years of eligibility remaining after transferring from New Mexico State, so the Owls have at least one thing going for them. Remember the name; you'll be watching him on Sundays in a few years.

Best addition, runner-up: Brian Jones, LB, Texas. Jones, a junior transfer from UCLA, like Baucham instantly becomes his team's best player at his position. Hampered by a knee injury as a Bruin, Jones never lived up to his advance billing. Having recovered from surgery and in new surroundings, Jones is ready to bust loose.

Most feared trio: James Francis, LB, Baylor, and Robert Blackmon and Mike Welch, S, Baylor. Francis is an immovable force, while Blackmon and Welch simply administer vicious hits. Welch could be the hardest open-field hitter in the game.

Worst program: Rice. The school offers an excellent education and a humbling course on how to deal with failure. Hundreds of former Owls have learned the art of losing, and unless something drastic happens, hundreds more will follow. New Coach Fred Goldsmith was either very confident of his ability or very much in need of a pay raise when he took the job.

Best name: Malcolm Borlenghi, S, Southern Methodist.

Don't flatter yourself: Texas' preseason prospectus includes a two-page spread in which the Longhorns grade their own 1989 recruiting class. They gave themselves an A. Not only is that grade a bit high, but it also indicates the sad state of the Texas program. It's a bad sign when the best thing you can brag about is your rookies.

Best bets of the year: If Texas loses seven games again this fall, Coach David McWilliams will be calling his real estate agent. Texas Christian also went 4-7 last season, but the Horned Frogs must go to a bowl game for Coach Jim Wacker to keep his job.

Best conference contest: Houston vs. Texas, November 11, at Houston. The Cougars have butchered the Longhorns by a combined score of 126-55 the last two seasons. Looking for revenge, the Longhorns should be primed to do battle.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
ARKANSAS	B–	B+	B	C+	C	C+	B–
TEXAS A&M	B	B+	B+	C	C	B–	C
BAYLOR	C	B	C	C	B–	B–	C
TEXAS	C+	C	B	C+	C	C	C+
HOUSTON	C+	B+	C	C–	C+	C	B
TEXAS CHRISTIAN	C–	C	C	C	C	C–	C–
TEXAS TECH	B–	C	C	C	C	C	C
RICE	D	C	C–	C	D+	D+	C–
SOUTHERN METHODIST	I	I	I	I	I	I	I

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

Soph. (RS); Terry Thornton, S, Soph.
Top newcomers: Mike Applebaum, OT/C (RS); Vodie Baucham, TE (transfer/New Mexico State); Vince Pershing, OL (JC); Greg Pollard, OL (JC); Larry Stuppy, DT (JC).
Schedule: At Southern Methodist, Sept. 2; at Tulane, Sept. 9; Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 23; at Wake Forest, Sept. 30; at Texas, Oct. 7; TCU, Oct. 14; at Texas Tech, Oct. 21; Texas A&M, Oct. 28; Arkansas, Nov. 4; at Baylor, Nov. 18; Houston, Dec. 2.
Site: Houston.

Fred Goldsmith, defensive coordinator at Arkansas, will take over a team that has lost 18 consecutive games. The Owls showed some signs of life last season and will benefit this year from the presence of a weak SMU team on their schedule.

Goldsmith's primary problem will be rebuilding a defense that allowed an unsightly 417.6 yards per game last season. Five starters graduated and another, defensive back Donald Hollas, was moved to quarterback.

Inside linebacker O.J. Brigance, who recorded a school-record 128 stops last season, is the top gun on a defensive unit that also should include tackle Jacque Torres and back Everett Coleman.

Hollas, a junior, started Rice's first two 1988 games at quarterback before switching to defense. But Goldsmith thinks he will be one of the best quarterbacks in the conference.

Hollas will throw the ball to receivers Merritt Robinson and Chris Nixon and running back Eric Henley, a versatile performer who ran for 330 yards and caught 26 passes for 283 more.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Coach: Forrest Gregg (first year at SMU).
1988 record: Did not field team in 1987 and 1988.
Top players: Andy Bergfeld, WR, 6-3/180, Fr.; Michael Bowen, RB, 5-9/180, Jr. (transfer/Georgia); Kyle Carroll, OT, 6-4/275, Fr.; Chris Collins, LB, 6-2/220, Soph. (transfer/Pacific); Don Echols, CB, 5-11/175, Fr. (switched from WR); Curtis Eldridge, OT, 6-5/260, Fr.; Dan Freiburger, QB, 6-5/205, Fr.; Mitchell Glieber, WR, 6-0/180, Sr.; Ron Hagan, S, 6-0/185, Fr.; Rongea Hill, RB, 5-10/170, Fr.; Brett Kershaw, DE, 6-5/235, Sr.; Norbert Osborn, S, 5-9/180, Jr.; Drew Randall, LB, 6-3/230, Fr.; Mike Romo, QB, 6-0/185, Fr.; Oscar Rosales, OG, 5-11/255, Soph. (transfer/Sam Houston State); Omar Thompson, RB, 6-0/205, Fr.; Jason Wolf, RB, 6-0/195, Fr.
Schedule: Rice, Sept. 2; Connecticut, Sept. 16; Texas, Sept. 23; at Texas Christian, Sept. 30; Baylor, Oct. 14; at Houston, Oct. 21; North Texas, Oct. 28; at Texas A&M, Nov. 4; at Notre Dame, Nov. 11; Texas Tech, Nov. 18; at Arkansas, Dec. 2.
Site: Dallas.

After a two-year absence because of NCAA and self-imposed suspensions, SMU is the new kid on the block. The Mustangs will operate with just 41 scholarship players, only three of whom have ever played in a college game.

Undertaking the challenge of bringing SMU back to big-time college football status will be Forrest Gregg, a pro football Hall of Famer who starred for the Mustangs in the mid-1950s. Gregg, who guided the Green Bay Packers, Cincinnati Bengals and Cleveland Browns in an 11-year NFL coaching career, calls this his biggest challenge in football.

"We'll grow a lot immediately," Gregg said. "We won't measure our year in wins and losses."

Gregg's freshman and sophomore-dominated squad will play an ambitious schedule that includes defending national champion Notre Dame as well as the usual Southwest Conference contingent. The Mustangs will move from Dallas' spacious Texas Stadium to renovated Ownby Stadium, a 23,613-seat on-campus structure that last saw use in 1948.

Only two players, running back Michael Bowen and receiver Mitchell Glieber, were lettermen on SMU's 1986 team. Brett Kershaw, a 235-pound tight end who will be switched to defensive end, was on the '86 team but did not letter.

Gregg will employ a run-and-shoot offense featuring redshirt freshman quarterback Mike Romo and blue-chip recruit Rongea Hill. ■

DIVISION I-A

There is no defense for WAC's offensive style

By ED ZIERALSKI
San Diego Tribune

San Diego State's Al Luginbill has yet to coach a Western Athletic Conference game, but he thinks he knows what it will take to win.

"The WAC champion will be the team that plays the best defense," said Luginbill, who has spent the last four years as an administrative assistant at San Diego State after serving as defensive coordinator under Darryl Rogers at Arizona State. Luginbill was the architect of Arizona State's successful pressure defenses in the early '80s.

Defense truly has become a lost art in the offensive-minded WAC. The conference led the nation last season with a team average of 29.5 points per game.

Utah, with Heisman Trophy candidate Scott Mitchell at the controls, led the nation in both passing and total offense, keeping alive an impressive string. A WAC team has finished either first or second in passing offense nationally in 14 of the last 16 years.

And if passing isn't your fancy, then you might like the Air Force Falcons, who do their flying in planes and their running out of the wishbone. The Falcons, behind Dee Dowis, one of the nation's best wishbone quarterbacks, finished second nationally in rushing offense.

The flip side of all this is obvious. These high-scoring offenses stretch the imaginations of some of the league's overwhelmed defensive coordinators.

Only one WAC team, Wyoming at 19th, finished in the top 20 in Division I-A total defense. The conference had four of the nation's worst defenses in San Diego State (95th), Utah (98th), Air Force (100th) and New Mexico (101st).

"Our pride has been hurt some," Air Force Coach Fisher DeBerry admitted.

Luginbill is one of three new coaches who will try to bring order to this offensive imbalance. Former Ohio State and Northern Iowa Coach Earle Bruce replaces Leon Fuller at Colorado State, and former Arkansas offensive coordinator David Lee takes over for Bob Stull at Texas-El Paso.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **BRIGHAM YOUNG**
   The Cougars have an explosive offense and their best defense in a decade.
2. **WYOMING**
   Despite big losses the last two years, the Cowboys will still contend.
3. **HAWAII**
   This lofty rating is a result of having six of eight league games at home.
4. **AIR FORCE**
   The Falcons still have enough talent to offer stiff competition for any foe.
5. **SAN DIEGO STATE**
   With McGwire taking the snaps, the Aztecs rate as the WAC sleeper.
6. **UTAH**
   Mitchell can carry the Utes a long way. The defense will determine how far.
7. **COLORADO STATE**
   Fuller didn't leave the cupboard bare, but the Rams are a year away.
8. **TEXAS-EL PASO**
   The loss of skill-position talent and Stull makes the Miners tough to judge.
9. **NEW MEXICO**
   The Lobos are still too thin to make much noise in the league this season.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Coach: LaVell Edwards (155-53-1, 17 years).
1988 record: 9-4 (beat Colorado in Freedom Bowl). WAC: 5-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Don Busenbark, OT; Tim Clark, DT; Chuck Cutler, WR; Darren Handley, TE; Regan Hansen, LB; John Hunter, OT; Tim Knight, NG; Troy Long, DB; Phil Nauahi, C; Scott Peterson, DB; Rodney Rice, DB; Pat Thompson, P; Warren Wheat, OT; Brian White, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Matt Bellini, RB, 6-0/195, Jr.; Sean Covey, QB, 6-1/185, Sr.; Jeff Frandsen, WR, 5-11/175, Sr.; Fred Whittingham, RB, 5-10/205, Sr. **Defense (5):** Eric Bergeson, CB, 6-1/190, Sr.; Bob Davis, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Duane Johnson, LB, 6-5/250, Sr.; Budd Orr, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Chad Robinson, LB, 6-4/225, Sr. (shoulder injury in spring).
Key returnees: Andy Boyce, WR, Jr.; Jason Chaffetz, K, Sr.; Tony Crutchfield, CB, Soph.; Ty Detmer, QB, Soph.; Mohammed Elewonibi, OG, Sr.; Alema Fitisemanu, LB, Jr.; Troy Fuller, S, Sr.; Pete Harston, DT, Jr.; Earl Kauffman, P/K, Soph.; Mike Keim, OT, Jr.; Brian Mitchell, CB, Jr.; Eric Mortensen, RB, Soph. (missed spring/knee); Bob Murdock, WR, Sr.; Marc Neal, LB, Sr.; Matt Odle, WR, Jr.; Craig Patterson, DT, Sr.; Mike Salido, FB, Sr. (broke leg in spring); Randy Slayton, LB, Soph.; Chris Smith, TE, Jr.
Top newcomers: Tim Adams, DT (transfer/Kansas); Scott Charlton, FB (RS/broke shoulder blade in spring); Shad Hansen, LB (RS); Rich Kaufusi, DL (JC); Brent Nyberg, WR (JC).
Schedule: At New Mexico, Sept. 2; Washington State, Sept. 7; at Navy, Sept. 16; at Utah State, Sept. 30; Wyoming, Oct. 7; at Colorado State, Oct. 14; UTEP, Oct. 21; at Hawaii, Oct. 28; Oregon, Nov. 4; Air Force, Nov. 11; Utah, Nov. 18; at San Diego State, Nov. 25.
Site: Provo, Utah.

If you go by coaching stability and track record, then BYU is the team to beat. LaVell Edwards enters his 18th season at Provo, while the tenure of the other eight coaches combined adds up to 15.

BYU posted its 15th consecutive winning season (9-3) last year, but the Cougars failed to win the WAC for the third straight season after winning or sharing the title for 10 years in a row. They suffered three WAC losses for the first time since 1975 and lost for the first time in 10 years to cross-state rival Utah (57-28). Much of the Cougars' struggle can be attributed to injuries.

"Injuries to key people really hurt us last year," Edwards said. "We're hoping to avoid those kinds of injuries this season."

BYU's first order of business will be to get healthy. Nineteen players underwent some form of surgery during the off-season, including Sean Covey, the senior quarterback who is rehabilitating a knee.

As a result, sophomore Ty Detmer, the hero of the Cougars' 20-17 victory over Colorado in last year's Freedom Bowl, probably will go into the season as the starter. Detmer and Covey combined to help BYU finish fourth nationally in passing (322.8 yards per game).

All-WAC wide receiver Chuck Cutler will be missed, but Jeff Frandsen, Matt Odle and Bob Murdock are inviting targets. Brent Nyberg, a junior college transfer, also could fit that description. Junior Chris Smith probably will fill the vacant tight end slot.

Fullback Fred Whittingham and halfback Matt Bellini are double-threat offensive weapons. They are capable of big numbers when handed the ball, and Bellini caught 51 passes in 1988, giving the junior 103 catches in two seasons.

BYU's biggest offensive problem is the line. "Our losses—the entire front unit (six seniors)—will be felt," Edwards said. "We're going to be young in the line."

Edwards has some huge replacements ready, however, and more are arriving from the junior college ranks. Senior Mohammed Elewonibi (6-foot-5, 280 pounds) is a projected starter at guard alongside tackle Mike Keim (6-8, 275) and center Robert Stephens (6-4, 275). Junior college transfers such as Mike Jenkins (6-8, 347) and Don Goodman (6-7, 305) will fight for the open jobs.

The Cougars' biggest improvement could be on defense, primarily because of a deep and talented linebacking corps.

Bob Davis, Chad Robinson and Duane Johnson will form the heart of the defense while backing up a front wall that will include tackles Budd Orr and Pete Harston. The secondary will be young, although Eric Bergeson is experienced and sophomore Tony Crutchfield is a future star.

Edwards also must find a punter to replace talented Pat Thompson. Earl Kauffman has the early edge, with Jason Chaffetz slated to handle placekicking duties.

WYOMING

Coach: Paul Roach (21-5, 2 years).
1988 record: 11-2 (lost to Oklahoma State in Holiday Bowl). WAC: 8-0/1st.
Key losses: John Brasee, TE; Eric Coleman, CB; Freddie Dussett, WR; Dave Edeen, DE; Peter Gunn, FB (will miss '89/knee); Tony Kapushion, OT; Steve McMillon, CB; Rich Miller, S; Pat Rabold, DT; Grant Salisbury, C; Mike Schenbeck, LB; Shawn Wehrer, C; Randy Welniak, QB.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Dabby Dawson, RB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Tyrone Fittje, G, 6-5/270, Jr.; Ted Gilmore, WR, 6-1/188, Sr.; DeWaine Jones, FB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Steve Slay, T, 6-7/290, Sr. **Defense (5):** Steve Addison, LB, 6-0/227, Jr.; Mitch Donahue, DT, 6-3/250, Jr. (switched from DE); Daryl Harris, S, 6-0/178, Sr.; Craig Schlichting, T, 6-

5/250, Sr.; Willie Wright, LB, 6-4/233, Jr.
Key returnees: Steve Bena, FB, Sr.; George Dozier, S, Sr.; Sean Fleming, K/P, Soph.; Bobby Fresques, QB, Soph.; Pete Gosar, LB, Jr.; Vaughn Henderson, LB, Sr.; Darrell Perkins, RB (RS/medical); Doug Rigby, DE, Soph.; Melvin Wells, WR, Sr.; Shawn Wiggins, WR, Jr.; Gordy Wood, TE, Jr.
Top newcomers: Shawn Dostal, DT (RS); Tom Kramer, LB (RS); Jeff Leick, C (JC); Kevin McGill, DT (JC); Ivor Samilton, CB (JC); Kyle Schenker, LB (transfer/Kansas); Peter Rowe, QB (transfer/Washington State); Jarrod Thiele, LB (RS); Joe Wahlgren, OT (RS); Paul Wallace, CB (RS).
Schedule: Louisville, Sept. 2; at Air Force, Sept. 9; Hawaii, Sept. 16; Washington State, Sept. 23; at Oklahoma State, Sept. 30; at BYU, Oct. 7; Utah, Oct. 14; at New Mexico, Oct. 28; Colorado State, Nov. 4; at San Diego State, Nov. 11; UTEP, Nov. 18.
Site: Laramie, Wyo.

So, what team do Edwards and his Cougars most fear in the 1989 WAC title chase? Wyoming, and understandably so.

"Wyoming hasn't lost a conference game in two years," Edwards said, "so you have to see them as a favorite. . . ."

The Cowboys used their high-powered offense to run over opponents last season en route to an 11-1 regular-season record and berth in the Holiday Bowl. But, in a battle of the Cowboys, Oklahoma State pounded out a 62-14 verdict that sent shock waves through Laramie. Wyoming, 16-0 in conference play over the last two seasons, will have to regroup after losing 12 starters, including all-conference quarterback Randy Welniak.

Replacing Welniak will be the top priority, and the quarterback derby looms as a three-man race. Washington State transfer Peter Rowe came out of spring practice as the front-runner, although 1988 backups Bobby Fresques and Tom Corontzos both enjoyed fine springs to keep the competition close. Rowe appears to be the best athlete of the three.

Returning starters Steve Slay (tackle) and Tyrone Fittje (guard) will anchor a rebuilt offensive line. Joe Wahlgren will be switched from a tackle spot to center, with Eric Worden moving from the defensive line to offensive guard.

The Cowboys' running game will be strong with 1,125-yard rusher Dabby Dawson carrying the ball behind the blocks of fullbacks DeWaine Jones and Steve Bena. The Cowboys lost Peter Gunn to a knee injury in the spring, but Darrell Perkins, who missed two seasons with a bad knee, returns for backup duty.

Wide receiver Freddie Dussett (62 catches for 880 yards) is gone, but Ted Gilmore returns, joining Shawn Wiggins and Melvin Wells to form a solid receiving corps. Junior tight end Gordy Wood started just two games last season but still finished as the team's fifth-leading receiver.

There are some big holes to fill on defense, but Mitch Donahue, who was switched from end to tackle, and tackle Craig Schlichting return after combining for 21 sacks last season. Doug Rigby will fill a vacancy at end, and Coach Paul Roach will look at a variety of tackle hopefuls.

Steve Addison and Willie Wright anchor the linebacking unit. Only talented free safety Daryl Harris returns to the secondary.



Ty Detmer, the hero of Brigham Young's Freedom Bowl victory last season, enters 1989 as the likely starting quarterback.

Placekicker Sean Fleming, outstanding as a freshman last season, will be asked to handle punting duties as well. He averaged 53 yards on three punts in Wyoming's spring game.

HAWAII

Coach: Bob Wagner (14-10, 2 years).
1988 record: 9-3. WAC: 5-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Theo Adams, OT; Amosa Amosa, C; Brian Belcher, LB; Heikoti Fakava, RB; Warren Jones, QB; Junior Lopati, RB; Mark Nua, OG; Joe Seumalo, DT; Billy Stephens, RB.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Leo Goeas, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Larry Jones, G, 6-5/271, Sr.; Larry Khan-Smith, WR, 5-9/185, Jr.; Dane McArthur, WR, 6-0/193, Jr.; Chris Roscoe, WR, 6-2/202, Sr. **Defense (9):** Augie Apelu, DT, 6-2/260, Sr.; Walter Briggs, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; Michael Coulson, CB, 5-8/173, Sr.; Dana Directo, NG, 6-2/258, Sr.; David Maeva, LB, 6-0/201, Jr.; Kim McCloud, CB, 5-11/179, Jr.; Mark Odom, LB, 5-11/217, Jr.; Gavin Robertson, LB, 6-1/221, Jr.; Mike Tresler, S, 5-8/172, Jr.
Key returnees: Sean Abreu, LB, Soph.; Kyle Ah Loo, P, Sr.; Jason Elam, K, Soph.; Garrett Gabriel, QB, Jr.; Clayton Mahuka, RB, Sr.; Doug Paahao, OG, Sr.; Tavita Sagapolu, OG, Sr. (switched from NG); Allen Smith, OG, Sr. (switched from DT); Peter Weidanz, LB, Sr.; Lamar Young, RB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Delmar Johnson, NG (JC); Walter Santiago, QB (RS); Travis Sims, RB (RS); Jeff Snyder, WR (RS/medical); Andrew Toeaina, LB.
Schedule: Tulane, Sept. 2; Long Beach State, Sept. 9; at Wyoming, Sept. 16; Utah, Sept. 23; New Mexico, Sept. 30; San Diego State, Oct. 7; at Colorado State, Oct. 21; BYU, Oct. 28; UTEP, Nov. 4; Pacific, Nov. 11; Oregon State, Nov. 25; Air Force, Dec. 9.
Site: Honolulu.

With nine defensive starters returning from a unit that ranked third in the WAC and a friendly schedule that includes 10 home games (six against conference opponents), the Rainbows have to be considered a legitimate title threat.

Coach Bob Wagner's biggest concerns will be on offense.

Top priority will be given to a line that lost three starters but returns talented tackle Leo Goeas and guard Larry Jones. Senior Doug Paahao probably will move into the other guard slot and Wagner moved Allen Smith, Tavita Sagapolu and Doug Vaioleti from the defensive line to fight for the center and tackle vacancies.

Priority No. 2 will be replacing quarterback Warren Jones. Junior Garrett Gabriel, who started several games as a freshman in 1987, has the inside track over redshirt freshman Walter Santiago and senior Ken Niumatalolo. Santiago showed in the spring that he's adept at running the Rainbows' spread offense.

Wagner also must replace his top running backs, Heikoti Fakava and Billy Stephens. Junior Lamar Young is the best athlete, but sophomore Richard Stevenson and redshirt freshman Travis Sims have developed faster.

Junior Dane McArthur will return to his slotback position. Chris Roscoe, the team's leading receiver, and Larry Khan-Smith provide talent and speed at wide receiver. Khan-Smith doubles as one of the top return men in the country.

There's plenty of talent throughout the Rainbows' defense. Free safety Walter Briggs and strong safety Mike Tresler are the heart and soul of Hawaii's secondary, David Maeva is solid at linebacker and Dana Directo anchors the front wall from his noseguard slot.

Placekicker Jason Elam, who connected on 19 of 24 field-goal attempts last season, and punter Kyle Ah Loo combine to give Hawaii one of the strongest kicking games in the country.

Continued

PRESEASON ALL-WAC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	TERANCE MATHIS, New Mexico	5-09/162	Senior
WR	MATT ODLE, Brigham Young	6-03/200	Junior
WR	*LARRY KHAN-SMITH, Hawaii	5-09/185	Junior
TE	DENNIS SMITH, Utah	6-01/223	Senior
T	LEO GOEAS, Hawaii	6-04/270	Senior
T	STEVE SLAY, Wyoming	6-07/290	Senior
C	JEFF PARSON, Utah	6-02/255	Senior
G	LARRY JONES, Hawaii	6-05/271	Senior
G	KEVIN BELL, Air Force	6-03/238	Senior
QB	SCOTT MITCHELL, Utah	6-06/235	Junior
RB	DABBY DAWSON, Wyoming	5-09/180	Senior
RB	GREG JOHNSON, Air Force	6-02/197	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	JOHN BELL, New Mexico	6-02/240	Junior
DL	MITCH DONAHUE, Wyoming	6-03/250	Junior
DL	FALANIKO IAKOPO, Texas-El Paso	6-02/241	Junior
DL	DOUG RIGBY, Wyoming	6-05/258	Soph.
DL	CRAIG SCHLICHTING, Wyoming	6-05/250	Senior
LB	BOB DAVIS, Brigham Young	6-02/230	Senior
LB	RANDLE GLADNEY, Air Force	6-00/204	Senior
LB	DUANE JOHNSON, Brigham Young	6-05/250	Senior
LB	CHAD ROBINSON, Brigham Young	6-04/225	Senior
DB	ERIC BERGESON, Brigham Young	6-01/190	Senior
DB	WALTER BRIGGS, Hawaii	6-00/195	Senior
DB	TONY CRUTCHFIELD, Brigham Young	5-10/195	Soph.
DB	LaVON EDWARDS, Utah	5-10/180	Soph.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JASON ELAM, Hawaii	5-11/182	Soph.
P	SEAN FLEMING, Wyoming	6-03/180	Soph.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	REGGIE BARRETT, Texas-El Paso	6-03/190	Junior
WR	MONTY GILBREATH, San Diego State	5-09/170	Senior
WR	*TED GILMORE, Wyoming	6-01/188	Senior
TE	CHRIS SMITH, Brigham Young	6-04/225	Junior
T	STEVE CASPER, Texas-El Paso	6-02/276	Senior
T	SCOTT DOERR, Colorado State	6-06/250	Junior
C	JOHN BAILEY, Air Force	6-04/243	Senior
G	MOHAMMED ELEWONIBI, Brigham Young	6-05/280	Senior
G	ROMAN FORTIN, San Diego State	6-05/270	Senior
QB	DEE DOWIS, Air Force	5-10/155	Senior
RB	*MATT BELLINI, Brigham Young	6-00/195	Junior
RB	TODD YERT, Colorado State	6-00/223	Junior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MARK SMITH, Brigham Young	6-00/250	Junior
DL	DANA DIRECTO, Hawaii	6-02/258	Senior
DL	BUDD ORR, Brigham Young	6-05/270	Senior
DL	ROSS PURRITY, Texas-El Paso	6-02/252	Senior
DL	MILT WILSON, San Diego State	6-02/245	Senior
LB	DAVID MAEVA, Hawaii	6-00/201	Junior
LB	DOUG MORGAN, Texas-El Paso	6-01/224	Senior
LB	STEVE RULE, Colorado State	6-04/231	Junior
LB	KEN SALE, Texas-El Paso	6-02/246	Senior
DB	DARYL HARRIS, Wyoming	6-00/178	Senior
DB	SELWYN JONES, Colorado State	6-00/177	Soph.
DB	MARIO MATHIS, Air Force	6-00/185	Senior
DB	MIKE TRESLER, Hawaii	5-08/172	Junior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JASON CHAFFETZ, Brigham Young	6-02/185	Senior
P	JOE SANTOS, San Diego State	6-00/195	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


T. Mathis


Khan-Smith


Iakopo


Edwards


Elewonibi


Yert


Harris


M. Mathis

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Dawson, Wyoming	149	1125	7.6	93.8
Dowis, Air Force	153	972	6.4	81.0
Johnson, Air Force	125	834	6.7	69.5

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Mitchell, Utah	533	323	4322	141.0
Detmer, BYU	153	83	1252	138.0
Dowis, Air Force	96	41	870	136.6
Covey, BYU	319	174	2607	130.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Mitchell, Utah	–23	4322	4299	390.8
Covey, BYU	–82	2607	2525	229.5
Leach, New Mexico.	–220	1986	1766	160.5
Downs, Air Force	972	870	1842	153.5

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Gilbreath, S.D. St.	60	799	13.3	5.45
Smith, Utah	51	726	14.2	4.64
Bellini, BYU	51	786	15.4	4.25
Barrett, Tex.-El Paso.	50	781	15.6	4.17

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Fleming, Wyoming	0	57	17	108	9.0
Johnson, Air Force.	17	4	0	106	8.8
Elam, Hawaii	0	38	19	95	7.9

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Luke, Colo. St.	59	2490	42.2
Brownlee, Tex.-El Paso	57	2402	42.1
Ah Loo, Hawaii	48	1954	40.7

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Edwards, Utah	26	289	0	11.1
Gilbreath, San Diego St.	27	276	0	10.2
Briggs, Hawaii	23	204	0	8.9
Cooks, Tex.-El Paso	19	106	0	5.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Mortensen, BYU	14	398	1	28.4
Khan-Smith, Hawaii	32	852	1	26.6
Rowe, San Diego St.	31	799	0	25.8
Edwards, Utah	18	425	0	23.6

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Elam, Hawaii	24	19	.792	1.58
Fleming, Wyoming	25	17	.680	1.42
Brown, Colo. St.	16	12	.750	1.09

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Edwards, Utah	6	74	0	.55
Jones, Colo St.	4	12	0	.36
Tresler, Hawaii	4	47	0	.33
Mitchell, BYU	4	4	0	.33

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Wyoming	8	0	0	11	2	0
Texas-El Paso	6	2	0	10	3	0
Hawaii	5	3	0	9	3	0
Brigham Young	5	3	0	9	4	0
Utah	4	4	0	6	5	0
Air Force	3	5	0	5	7	0
San Diego State	3	5	0	3	8	0
New Mexico	1	7	0	2	10	0
Colorado State	1	7	0	1	10	0

AIR FORCE

Coach: Fisher DeBerry (40-21, 5 years).
1988 record: 5-7. WAC: 3-5/T6th.
Key losses: Chris Blasy, P; Albert Booker, HB; Mark Crossman, TE; Jim Hecker, S; Dave Hlatky, OG; Jeff Johnson, OT; Gary Kilmer, CB; Jim Payne, C; Anthony Roberson, HB; Andy Smith, FB; Andy Toth, CB; Steve Yarbrough, K.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Kevin Bell, OG, 6-3/238, Sr. (missed spring/wrist); Dee Dowis, QB, 5-10/155, Sr.; Scott Hollister, OT, 6-1/237, Sr.; Steve Senn, WR, 5-10/163, Sr. **Defense (8):** Ken Gibadlo, LB, 6-1/247, Sr. (switched from DT); Randle Gladney, LB, 6-0/204, Sr.; Brian Hill, LB, 5-11/204, Jr.; Tom Kafka, NG, 6-3/252, Sr. (switched from DT); Mark Lyons, LB, 6-1/212, Sr.; Mario Mathis, S, 6-0/185, Sr.; Pat McNelis, T, 6-2/240, Sr. (switched from NG); Terry Walker, LB, 6-1/208, Sr.
Key returnees: John Bailey, C, Sr.; Lane Beene, DT, Jr.; Mike Betance, S, Sr.; Eric Faison, CB, Jr. (missed '88/academics); Greg Johnson, HB, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Mike Jurries, S, Sr.; Rodney Lewis, FB, Jr.; Eric Olson, P, Sr.; Bill Price, LB, Jr.; J.T. Tokish, LB, Jr.; Trent Van Hulzen, TE, Sr.; Steve Wilson, OG, Sr.; Darryl Woods, WR, Jr.
Top newcomers: Ron Gray, RB (JV; switched from QB).
Schedule: San Diego State, Sept. 2; Wyoming, Sept. 10; at Northwestern, Sept. 16; UTEP, Sept. 23; at Colorado State, Sept. 30; at Navy, Oct. 7; Notre Dame, Oct. 14; at Texas Christian, Oct. 21; Army, Nov. 4; at BYU, Nov. 11; at Utah, Nov. 25; at Hawaii, Dec. 9.
Site: Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Falcons lost their last five games of 1988 and did not beat a team with a winning record. Fisher DeBerry was embarrassed by his squad's 5-7 record and promises things will change.

"I told our players 5-7 is totally unacceptable," DeBerry said.

"We'll get this turned around," outside linebacker Randle Gladney said. "It can't get any worse."

The offense lost some key players, but wishbone general Dee Dowis returns and the Falcons figure to put plenty of points on the board. DeBerry's priority is remolding a defense that allowed 462.8 yards and 32.7 points per game. The Falcons lost three games in which they scored 45, 36 and 31 points.

Linebackers Gladney and Brian Hill, the top two tacklers last season, form the nucleus of the defense. Ken Gibadlo was moved from the line to linebacker, and Terry Walker returns to an inside spot.

The defensive line, a problem area last year, will be young and inexperienced. Pat McNelis, who missed spring practice because of a back injury, will anchor a unit that will be asked to show big improvement in rushing the passer.

Only free safety Mario Mathis returns to a secondary that was rocked for 243.3 passing yards per game.

Dowis will direct an offense that steamrolled opponents for 455.2 yards per game in 1988. Dowis will be working with talented halfback Greg Johnson, who ran for 834 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. DeBerry said Johnson could develop into the most outstanding running back in Air Force history.

The offensive line will be strong and experienced with guards Kevin Bell and Steve Wilson, center John Bailey and tackle Scott Hollister.

Once again, DeBerry spent a lot of time in the spring working on the Falcons' inefficient passing game. Steve Senn and Darryl Woods are the top wide receivers.



Wide receiver Monty Gilbreath led San Diego State with 60 receptions last season.

SAN DIEGO STATE

Coach: Al Luginbill (first year at San Diego State).
1988 record: 3-8. WAC: 3-5/T6th.
Key losses: Tyler Ackerson, K; Lee Brannon, LB; Casey Copeland, S; Lyndon Early, S (dismissed from team); Paul Hewitt, RB; Alfred Jackson, SE; Mario Mitchell, CB; Kerry Reed-Martin, TE; Samida Tuiaana, OT; Kevin Wells, C.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Damon Baldwin, T, 6-5/275, Sr.; Roman Fortin, G, 6-5/270, Sr.; Monty Gilbreath, WR, 5-9/170, Sr.; Jim Jennings, G (switched from FB), 6-4/245, Soph.; Brad Platt, QB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Patrick Rowe, WR, 6-1/190, Jr.; Nick Subis, G, 6-6/295, Jr. **Defense (7):** Mitch Burton, LB, 6-4/235, Sr. (switched to TE); Bob Graff, E, 6-3/235, Sr.; Tracey Mao, LB, 6-3/250, Soph.; Clark Moses, CB, 5-10/185, Jr.; Morey Paul, S (switched from LB), 6-2/190, Jr.; John Wesselman, S (switched from LB), 6-2/210, Sr.; Milt Wilson, T, 6-2/245, Sr. (switched from DE).
Key returnees: Scott Barrick, QB, Soph.; Steve Blyth, C, Sr. (switched from NT; knee injury in spring); Tommy Booker, RB, Jr.; Brad Burton, NT, Sr.; Robert Claiborne, WR, Sr. (RS); Todd Coomes, DE, Sr.; David Cooper, S, Jr.; Eric Duncan, NT, Soph.; Jim Hanawalt, TE, Jr.; Mike Misch, TE, Jr.; Sai Niu, LB, Jr.; Joe Santos, P, Sr.; Pio Sagapolutle, DT, Jr.; Ron Slack, RB, Sr.; Derrick Williams, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Marlon Andrews, CB (JC); Carlos Leomiti, DL; Dan McGwire, QB (transfer/Iowa); Derek Sang, OT (JC/RS); Andy Trakas, K; George Tuioti, LB (Prop 48); Darrin Wagner, RB (RS).
Schedule: At Air Force, Sept. 2; UCLA, Sept. 16; Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 23; at Utah, Sept. 30; at Hawaii, Oct. 7; Long Beach State, Oct. 14; Pacific, Oct. 21; at UTEP, Oct. 28; New Mexico, Nov. 4; Wyoming, Nov. 11; at Miami (Fla.), Nov. 18; BYU, Nov. 25.
Site: San Diego.

The country-club atmosphere has been replaced by new Coach Al Luginbill's get-tough policy.

"The transition for me has been easy," Luginbill said. "The transition hasn't been easy for the kids. I'd say it's been a shock to them."

Luginbill put his new players through an exhaustive off-season conditioning program that tested their commitment to football.

"San Diego State has had the reputation of not playing hard week in and week out," Luginbill said. "I don't buy into that theory that because we're in California and close to the beach that we won't play hard. I'll guarantee you that San Diego State will play hard in every game this year."

Luginbill will go to a one-back offense and try to get the ball into the hands of his talented skill-position players. One thing San Diego State does not lack is speed.

Iowa transfer Dan McGwire, a strong-armed 6-8, 235-pounder, won the quarterback job in the spring. It will be his responsibility to get the ball to talented wide receivers Monty Gilbreath and Patrick Rowe. The speedy Gilbreath led the Aztecs with 60 receptions last year.

Tommy Booker, Ron Slack and redshirt freshman Darrin Wagner are the top candidates to replace all-conference selection Paul Hewitt in the backfield. Guard Roman Fortin will be asked to carry the load on an inexperienced offensive line.

The defense, which allowed 34.9 points per game last year, will be young and untested. Tackles Milt Wilson and Eric Duncan and linebackers Tracey Mao and Sai Niu are the top returnees.

UTAH

Coach: Jim Fassel (21-25, 4 years).
1988 record: 6-5. WAC: 4-4/5th.
Key losses: Bryan Bero, FB; Aaron Grimm, WR; Carl Harry, WR; Eric Jacobsen, S; Eddie Johnson, RB; Curt Jones, TE; Greg Smith, S; Mike Vyfinkel, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Mike DeHoog, T, 6-5/244, Soph.; Dave Dolan, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; Todd Eldredge, G, 6-4/250, Sr.; Scott Mitchell, QB, 6-6/235, Jr.; Jeff Parson, C, 6-2/255, Sr. (knee injury in spring); Dennis Smith, TE, 6-1/223, Sr. **Defense (8):** Frank Bonifacio, LB, 6-2/218, Jr.; Joe Clausi, E, 6-2/231, Sr.; LaVon Edwards, CB, 5-10/180, Soph.; Garland Harris, LB, 6-0/218, Sr.; Sean Knox, CB, 5-10/182, Jr.; Greg Reynolds, T, 6-2/258, Jr.; Doug Stroth, LB, 5-11/183, Jr.; Sam Tausinga, T, 6-0/265, Sr.
Key returnees: Mike Anglesey, WR, Jr.; Mike Connaughton, WR, Sr.; Pat Kennedy, CB, Sr.; James McKenna, DT, Jr. (RS/medical); Tom McNitt, DE, Soph.; Jesse Moore, OG, Soph.; Darren Patterson, LB, Sr.; Cedric Riles, WR, Jr.; Steve Sigloch, FB, Sr.; Clifton Smith, RB, Jr.; Rod Wells, RB, Sr. (returned from church mission); Eric Wheelwright, CB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Brad Foster, RB; Chris Nottoli, WR (RS); Howard Reeve, LB (JC);

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Bryan Rowley, WR; Lance Sally, LB (JC).
Schedule: At Fresno State, Sept. 2; Utah State, Sept. 9; at Nebraska, Sept. 16; at Hawaii, Sept. 23; San Diego State, Sept. 30; at UTEP, Oct. 7; at Wyoming, Oct. 14; at Stanford, Oct. 21; Colorado State, Oct. 28; New Mexico, Nov. 11; at BYU, Nov. 18; Air Force, Nov. 25.
Site: Salt Lake City.

Junior quarterback Scott Mitchell once again will be asked to lead the Utes to the Promised Land. The 6-6 lefthander directed the explosive unit that led the nation last season in total offense and passing yardage while throwing for 4,322 yards.

But Coach Jim Fassel must replace such key players as running back Eddie Johnson, fullback Bryan Bero and league-leading receiver Carl Harry if the Utes are to improve on a 6-5 record.

Tailback Clifton Smith, who injured a knee last fall and missed the season, will replace Johnson. Steve Sigloch and Jason Wood will battle for Bero's fullback job.

Replacing Harry and Aaron Grimm at wide receiver will be Cedric Riles and Mike Connaughton. All-conference tight end Dennis Smith will return as one of Mitchell's favorite targets.

Center Jeff Parson and guard Dave Dolan are the top returnees on the offensive line.

Utah's defense will have to improve if the Utes hope to make a run at the first division. Linebackers Darren Patterson and Garland Harris, end Joe Clausi and cornerback LaVon Edwards are the top returnees.

Fassel, who had been building the Utes with high school recruits, brought in eight quality junior college players, including top-notch linebackers Howard Reeve and Lance Sally.

COLORADO STATE

Coach: Earle Bruce (first year at Colorado State; 132-66-1 overall, 17 years).
1988 record: 1-10. WAC: 1-7/T8th.
Key losses: Greg Baker, NT; Ron Cortell, S; Sean Jackson, S; Scooter Molander, QB; Scott Whitehouse, HB.
Starters returning: Offense (9): Scott Doerr, T, 6-6/250, Jr.; Mark Holmes, FL, 6-0/180, Soph.; John Laurita, G, 6-0/255, Jr.; Doug Lindner, T, 6-4/234, Jr.; Mike Padilla, C, 6-0/248, Soph.; Steve Ratzlaff, TE, 6-2/220, Sr.; Adam Whitmer, G, 6-2/250, Soph.; Sean Willis, SE, 6-2/197, Sr.; Todd Yert, FB, 6-0/223, Jr. **Defense (9):** Lance Ane, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Robert Chirico, T, 6-3/258, Jr.; Mike Epley, LB, 6-1/217, Jr.; David Grimes, NG, 6-0/225, Sr.; Paul Hanks, T, 6-5/241, Jr.; Craig Jersild, CB, 5-9/169, Jr.; Selwyn Jones, CB, 6-0/177, Soph.; Steve Rule, LB, 6-4/231, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Gary Thompson, LB, 6-0/225, Sr.
Key returnees: Tony Alford, HB, Jr.; Scott Benglen, QB, Sr.; Rodney Bowman, HB, Sr. (switched from FL); Jon Boyd, LB, Jr.; Tony Branch, FL, Sr.; Mike Brown, K, Soph.; Tony Carr, HB, Soph. (RS; missed spring/knee); David Grimes, NT, Sr.; Tim Luke, P, Sr.; Paul MacRenato, FB, Jr.; Ron Martin, LB, Jr.; John Moran, LB, Soph. (knee injury in spring); Pat Morris, C, Sr.; Eric Schaller, DT, Jr.; Dan Wilson, S, Sr.
Top newcomers: James Coffey, LB; Patrick Hardy, HB (JC); Kevin Verdugo, QB (transfer/Kansas).
Schedule: At Tennessee, Sept. 2; at Colorado, Sept. 9; Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 16; Eastern Michigan, Sept. 23; Air Force, Sept. 30; at New Mexico, Oct. 7; BYU, Oct. 14; Hawaii, Oct. 21; at Utah, Oct. 28; at Wyoming, Nov. 4; at UTEP, Nov. 11.
Site: Fort Collins, Colo.

New Coach Earle Bruce has the most experienced team in the conference with 18 starters returning, but that team went 1-10 last year. And the Rams don't have a quarterback.

"It's nice to have that many returning players," Bruce said. "We have experience at every position except quarterback."

Senior Scott Benglen, a 6-5, 219-pounder, and Kevin Verdugo, a transfer from Kansas, are the top quarterback candidates. The running game should be solid with fullback Todd Yert and tailbacks Tony Alford and Tony Carr.

Tackle Scott Doerr is the top blocker on an offensive line that returns intact, and wide receiver Sean Willis and tight end Steve Ratzlaff should do the majority of the pass-catching.

Linebackers Gary Thompson and Steve Rule, tackle Robert Chirico, noseguard David Grimes and cornerback Selwyn Jones are the players around which Bruce will build his defense.

Punter Tim Luke and placekicker Mike Brown form one of the conference's better kicking units. Luke averaged 41.9 yards on 66 punts last season.

TEXAS-EL PASO

Coach: David Lee (first year at UTEP).
1988 record: 10-3 (lost to Southern Mississippi in Independence Bowl). WAC: 6-2/2nd.
Key losses: Arnie Adkison, TE; Eddie Dixon, FB; Willie Fuller, RB; John Harvey, TB; Pat Hegarty, QB; Sean Kugler, OG; Robert Pufahl, OG; Chris Riddick, DE; James Spady, C; Tony Tolbert, DE; Terry Walker, S; Dean Wittholz, OG; Richie Wright, S.
Starters returning: Offense (2): Reggie Barrett, WR, 6-3/190, Jr.; Steve Casper, T, 6-2/276, Sr. **Defense (6):** Thomas Bradley, T, 6-3/230, Sr.; Vernon Cooks, CB, 5-9/178, Sr.; Doug Morgan, LB, 6-1/224, Sr.; Ross Purrity, T, 6-2/252, Sr.; Ken Sale, LB, 6-2/246, Sr.; O.T. Thomas, S/CB, 5-10/154, Soph. (shoulder injury in spring).
Key returnees: Lance Brownlee, P, Jr.; Kevin Caldwell, TB, Jr.; Creg Evans, FB, Sr. (switched from LB); Phil Gabbard, OG, Sr.; Falaniko Iakopo, DE, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Ricki Lopez, WR, Jr.; Scooter Menifee, TB, Jr.; Emilio Pittman, DB (RS); Troy Reffett, S, Sr.; Clarence Seay, WR, Sr.; Mike Stubblefield, DE, Jr.
Top newcomers: Sean Berry, OL (JC); Kevin Bogan, TB; Tod Carter, DB; Howard Gasser, QB (JC); Pete Shufelt, LB (RS; knee injury in spring); Larry Sims, RB.
Schedule: Tulsa, Sept. 2; Lamar, Sept. 9; at New Mexico State, Sept. 16; at Air Force, Sept. 23; at Arkansas, Sept. 28; Utah, Oct. 7; New Mexico, Oct. 14; at BYU, Oct. 21; San Diego State, Oct. 28; at Hawaii, Nov. 4; Colorado State, Nov. 11; at Wyoming, Nov. 18.
Site: El Paso.

A head coaching change and significant offensive losses could drop UTEP out of the WAC's first division. The Miners finished second last season with a 6-2 conference record and a 10-2 overall mark.

But only guard Steve Casper, who was moved to tackle, and wide receivers Reg-

Who'll Fill Hewitt's Shoes?



Ron Slack walked on and then earned a scholarship, while Darrin Wagner almost did it the other way around. Now they are the leading candidates to replace San Diego State running back Paul Hewitt, the only Aztec ever to rush for 1,000 yards twice.



Ron Slack

Slack, a senior, started the spring game at tailback in the Aztecs' new one-back set. He is the best receiver and has the most experience of the returning backs. But he must shake a reputation of not being able to "take it inside."

"What I'd heard about Ron not being able to take it up inside just wasn't so," said Coach Al Luginbill, who replaced Denny Stolz last November. "... He's done well for us in scrimmages."

Slack rushed for just 22 yards on 11 carries in 1988. He will have to fend off a challenge from redshirt freshman Wagner, a potential superstar.

"The world's the limit," Luginbill said. "In fact, he may have no limits."

The Aztecs almost didn't have Wagner. On the advice of his father, he left San Diego State briefly last year and enrolled at Nebraska. The Aztecs were in the process of firing Stolz and hiring Luginbill at the time, so it was easy for Wagner to slip away to Nebraska, where he planned to walk on.

"My father said me staying here (San Diego State) is like Michael Jordan playing in the CBA," Wagner said. "But every time I would have done something at Nebraska, they would have been comparing me to guys like Johnny Rodgers or Mike Rozier. I can do things here no one has ever done."

Cold weather in Nebraska also prompted Wagner to change his mind. Luginbill welcomed him back. "I always felt he would be with us," he said. "Life has its share of twists."

The biggest twist would be if junior Tommy Booker replaces Hewitt. Injuries have held back the former prep All-America as a collegian, and true to form, he missed half of spring camp with a pulled hamstring.

—ED ZIERALSKI

SCOUTING THE WAC

Best addition: Dan McGwire, QB, San Diego State. McGwire, whose brother Mark plays baseball upstate, could be the program's savior. The key will be whether the Aztecs' offensive line can give McGwire, a 6-foot-8 junior transfer from Iowa, time to throw the ball.

Best addition, runners-up: Kyle Schenker, LB, Wyoming and Kevin Verdugo, QB, Colorado State. Both players transferred from Kansas. Schenker is a pro prospect who will add muscle and leadership to the Cowboy defense. Verdugo, who became frustrated by the abundance of mediocrity in Lawrence, joins Earle Bruce in rebuilding the Rams.

Best program: Brigham Young. Coach LaVell Edwards has built one of the top 10 programs in the country against incredible odds. With recent recruiting successes, it is not likely to decline anytime soon.

Best scenery: How about Hawaii.

Worst choice: David Lee, coach, Texas-El Paso. Considered among the better aides in the nation while at Arkansas, Lee may have bit off more than he can chew. Former coach Bob Stull performed miracles in El Paso, resurrecting the worst Division I-A program. The Miners' recent success will be difficult to maintain because of key personnel losses and inconsistent support.

A conference first: When was the last time a non-BYU quarterback entered the season as the league's best passer? Utah's Scott Mitchell is doing just that, and he may be the nation's best.

Best bets of the year: New Mexico again will finish last in the conference. Hawaii's offensive players will attempt to intimidate opponents by painting their faces. Wyoming Coach Paul Roach, whose Cowboys have compiled a 16-0 conference record under his tutelage, will finally taste defeat in league play.

Best conference contest: Hawaii vs. Brigham Young, October 28, at Hawaii. The Rainbows always seem to find a way to give away games against the Cougars, but a victory could assure them of their first WAC crown.

Most underrated player: Terance Mathis, WR, New Mexico. Mathis returns after missing the 1988 campaign because of academic difficulties. He is the nation's finest all-purpose player and perhaps the best player ever to wear a Lobo uniform.

—JOHN HADLEY

UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
BRIGHAM YOUNG	C	A	B–	C+	A+	C	C
WYOMING	C+	B–	C+	B+	B–	C–	B
HAWAII	C	C–	C+	C–	C	C	B+
AIR FORCE	C	B	C	C	B–	D	C
SAN DIEGO STATE	C	C+	B	C	C–	D	B–
UTAH	C	B	C–	C–	C	D–	C
COLORADO STATE	C	C	C+	C	C	C–	C+
TEXAS-EL PASO	C–	D	C+	C	B–	C–	C
NEW MEXICO	D	D	B–	C–	C	D–	C+

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

gie Barrett and Clarence Seay return to an offense that racked up 420.5 yards per game. The strength of the team will be a defense that returns eight starters.

"We've got to rebuild our offensive line, and that's a big concern," new Coach David Lee said. "But I feel good about our defensive situation. I've always felt that defense is where championships are won."

Senior linebackers Ken Sale and Doug Morgan, junior end Falaniko Iakopo and senior tackle Ross Purrity will anchor a sturdy defensive unit. Sale was an all-conference performer who led the Miners with 129 tackles.

Top returnees to the secondary should be cornerback Vernon Cooks and safety Troy Reffett.

The biggest offensive holes are at quarterback and tailback. Howard Gasser will be asked to replace talented Pat Hegarty at the former, while Scooter Menifee will get a shot at tailback. Converted linebacker Creg Evans will line up at the fullback spot.

NEW MEXICO

Coach: Mike Sheppard (2-21, 2 years; 18-39 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 2-10. WAC: 1-7/T8th.
Key losses: John Duff, TE; Scott Howard, RB; Jeff Howes, OG; Chris Houston, S; Musa Kannike, DE; Dave Mequet, OT; Al Owens, SE; Willie Owens, RB (knee injury in spring); Phillip Vaughan, DE; Mitch White, TE; Andre Wooten, RB (academically ineligible).
Starters returning: Offense (5): Guy Collura, G, 6-2/255, Sr.; Lamont Hall, T, 6-4/245, Sr.; Mike Henderson, FL, 6-1/170, Jr.; Jeremy Leach, QB, 6-2/215, Soph.; Steve Slater, C, 6-3/250, Soph. **Defense (9):** John Bell, E, 6-2/240, Jr.; Devin Cooper, S, 5-9/181, Sr.; Scott Creagan, LB, 6-3/225, Soph.; Mike Good, LB, 6-2/205, Soph.; Darius Harris, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Brett Heber, S, 5-11/180, Sr.; Donald Levingston, CB, 5-10/177, Soph.; Kim McCall, LB, 6-2/205, Soph.; Dave Warner, NT, 6-4/239, Sr.
Key returnees: Steve Albrecht, K, Sr. (RS); Myron Ashley, RB, Sr. (ankle injury in spring); Steve Daley, LB, Sr.; Jimmy Marshall, CB, Sr.; Terance Mathis, WR, Sr. (missed '88/academics); Dion Morrow, RB, Soph. (switched from CB); Roger Roadstrom, LB, Soph.; Jay Schultz, TE, Jr. (switched from DE); Ron Shipley, DE, Sr.; Rick Tiedemann, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Monte Cuba, DL (JC); Mark Eicker, DE (RS); Kurt Jensen, OL (JC); David Lively, OL (Prop 48); Karl Logan, DB (JC); Derrick Malone, RB (Prop 48); Nate Morris, LB (transfer/UCLA); Eric Morgan, WR (JC); Jeff Platt, DE (RS); Jon Thompson, DB (JC).
Schedule: BYU, Sept. 2; New Mexico State, Sept. 9; at Texas Tech, Sept. 16; at Tulsa, Sept. 23; at Hawaii, Sept. 30; Colorado State, Oct. 7; at UTEP, Oct. 14; at Florida, Oct. 21; Wyoming, Oct. 28; at San Diego State, Nov. 4; at Utah, Nov. 11; Fresno State, Nov. 18.
Site: Albuquerque.

Lobos Coach Mike Sheppard thinks he finally may have enough talented frontline players to make significant strides in the WAC. New Mexico is 2-21 in two seasons under Sheppard, but the Lobos hope that recent recruiting classes finally will pay dividends.

"We've come a long way," Sheppard said. "We'll be better this year than we were a year ago."

If sophomore quarterback Jeremy Leach can get some protection from the offensive line, look for big improvement. Sheppard's pro-style offense is perfect for his talents. "He's got a chance to be a very good player," said Sheppard, who is known for his work with quarterbacks.

Center Steve Slater is the only reliable lineman on a unit that could include several junior college transfers. If given protection, Leach will be throwing to a talented receiving corps that includes Terance Mathis, who has been fighting academic problems, and Eric Morgan. Jay Schultz will move from defensive end to tight end.

The Lobos are thin at running back. Ralph Johnson (broken foot), Myron Ashley (sprained ankle) and Willie Owens (knee surgery) all were hurt in the spring, forcing Sheppard to move Dion Morrow from the defensive backfield. Morrow showed natural instincts as a rusher and should be a factor in the fall.

Free safety Brett Heber, linebackers Mike Good and Nate Morris and end John Bell will be the leaders on New Mexico's defensive unit. ■

Notre Dame, Miami are independently wealthy

In case you haven't noticed, it's not necessarily fashionable these days to be a member of one of college football's high-profile conferences. At least not if you have national championship aspirations.

"Proud To Be an Independent" would be a fitting slogan to describe the 1980s. Independents have captured five of the nine national championships (all consensus) in the decade and five of the last seven. Notre Dame's 1988 title is the third straight produced by a team without a conference affiliation.

The streak started in 1982 when Penn State was crowned national champion and Miami (Fla.) followed with its first-ever title in 1983. After Brigham Young of the Western Athletic Conference and Oklahoma of the Big Eight Conference ended that run, Penn State and Miami won titles again in 1986 and '87 and the Fighting Irish defeated fellow independent West Virginia in a title-deciding battle in last January's Fiesta Bowl.

The prospects of a fourth straight independent winning in 1989 are good. Notre Dame's roster still is loaded with talent, while Miami, Florida State and Syracuse all are primed and ready for a run at national honors.

The hopes of these schools well could be raised or dashed in games against each other. Notre Dame's schedule includes Miami, the Hurricanes will play Florida State in addition to the Fighting Irish and the Seminoles will face off against both Miami and Syracuse.

Look for the winner of that battle royale on New Year's Day.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **NOTRE DAME**
   The Irish are well equipped to offer a strong defense of their national crown.
2. **MIAMI (FLA.)**
   The Hurricanes again will be in the middle of the national-championship hunt.
3. **FLORIDA STATE**
   The Seminoles have some big shoes to fill but still rate with the best.
4. **SYRACUSE**
   MacPherson has built the most underrated program in the nation.
5. **PENN STATE**
   The return of tailback Thomas gives the Nittany Lions instant respect.
6. **PITTSBURGH**
   An emerging national power, Pitt will be a candidate for No. 1 a year from now.
7. **RUTGERS**
   The Scarlet Knights are a senior-laden squad with Top 20 potential.
8. **LOUISVILLE**
   The Cardinals haven't been this good in a decade.
9. **SOUTH CAROLINA**
   The Gamecocks have excellent skill-position talent and uncertain blocking.
10. **WEST VIRGINIA**
    If the Mountaineers play in a bowl this year, it won't be for No. 1.
11. **SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**
    The Golden Eagles have Top 20 talent and a slate that dispels such hopes.
12. **BOSTON COLLEGE**
    Under Bicknell, the Eagles can rank with the best in the East.

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

NOTRE DAME

Coach: Lou Holtz (25-10, 3 years; 141-75-5 overall, 19 years).
1988 record: 12-0 (beat West Virginia in Fiesta Bowl).
Key losses: Mark Green, TB; Flash Gordon, DE; Andy Heck, OT; Wes Pritchett, LB; Frank Stams, DE; George Streeter, S.
Starters returning: Offense (9): Dean Brown, T, 6-3/291, Sr.; Derek Brown, TE, 6-7/235, Soph.; Tim Grunhard, G, 6-3/292, Sr.; Mike Heldt, C, 6-4/265, Jr.; Raghib Ismail, FL, 5-10/175, Soph.; Anthony Johnson, FB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Tony Rice, QB, 6-1/200, Sr.; Tim Ryan, G, 6-4/259, Jr.; Ricky Watters, TB, 6-2/199, Jr. (switched from FL).
Defense (7): Jeff Alm, T, 6-7/246, Sr.; Todd Lyght, CB, 6-1/181, Jr.; Stan Smagala, CB, 5-11/186, Sr.; Michael Stonebreaker, LB, 6-1/228, Sr.; Pat Terrell, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; George Williams, T, 6-3/277, Jr.; Chris Zorich, NT, 6-1/268, Jr.
Key returnees: Arnold Ale, DE, Soph.; Braxston Banks, FB, Sr.; Ned Bolcar, LB, Sr.; Mike Brennan, OT, Sr.; Tony Brooks, TB, Jr. (status questionable/personal reasons and academics); Rodney Culver, RB, Soph.; Pat Eilers, SE, Sr.; John Foley, LB, Sr. (RS/medical); D'Juan Francisco, S, Sr.; Tom Gorman, OG, Sr.; Donn Grimm, LB, Jr.; Justin Hall, OT, Soph.; Andre Jones, DE, Jr.; Scott Kowalkowski, LB, Jr.; Gene McGuire, C, Soph.; Ryan Mihalko, FB, Jr.; Peter Rausch, OT, Jr. (RS/academics); Rusty Setzer, CB, Soph. (switched from TB); Michael Smalls, LB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Junior Bryant, DT; Rick Mirer, QB; William Pollard, SE; Kenny Spears, TB, Soph. (did not play in '88).
Schedule: Virginia (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Aug. 31; at Michigan, Sept. 16; Michigan State, Sept. 23; at Purdue, Sept. 30; at Stanford, Oct. 7; at Air Force, Oct. 14; Southern Cal, Oct. 21; Pittsburgh, Oct. 28; Navy, Nov. 4; Southern Methodist, Nov. 11; at Penn State, Nov. 18; at Miami (Fla.), Nov. 25.
Site: South Bend, Ind.

Everyone keeps reminding Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz that he has the same team coming back in 1989. Just 12 lettermen, six of whom were starters, must be replaced. So why not win another national title?

Not so fast, says Holtz, who guided the Fighting Irish to their first national title since 1977 and their first-ever 12-victory season last fall.

"We want to build on last year, but we've also got to put it behind us," Holtz said. "We were lucky in a lot of respects last year, and we can't sit here and count on that again. Can our players accept the pressure, deserved or not, of being the defending national champion? It's too early to answer that.

"I just hope everyone understands we aren't automatically the same team that walked off the field after winning the Fiesta Bowl. We may look almost the same in terms of personnel, but we're not the same people. It's just like a golfer who's great one year and then loses his PGA card the next."

Despite Holtz's caution, the Irish should be card-carrying members of the Top 10 with a realistic shot at defending their national title. One need look no farther than quarterback Tony Rice for a good reason why Notre Dame will be tough to beat in 1989.

Rice, a strong Heisman Trophy candidate, completed 70 of 138 passes for 1,176 yards and eight touchdowns last fall. He also ran for 700 yards and nine touchdowns, becoming the first quarterback to lead the Irish in rushing since Paul Hornung's Heisman-winning 1956 campaign.

The offensive line lost outstanding tackle Andy Heck but returns four powerful 1988 starters—tackle Dean Brown, center Mike Heldt and guards Tim Ryan and Tim Grunhard.

The Irish ground game will be strong if tailback Tony Brooks returns from academic suspension. Brooks is a power runner who will work in tandem with elusive Ricky Watters, who will move back to tailback after a season at flanker. Anthony Johnson, Braxston Banks and Rodney Culver will battle for the fullback job.

Raghib (Rocket) Ismail, who doubles as a wide receiver and kick returner, is a big play waiting to happen, and tight end Derek Brown is big and reliable.

The defense, one of the stingiest in the nation last year, should be rock solid again if consensus All-America linebacker Michael Stonebreaker recovers from an off-season auto accident that resulted in a dislocated hip, a broken kneecap and a bruise to the brain that caused double vision.

Back at nose tackle is Chris Zorich, a dominating figure who starred last season as a sophomore. Jeff Alm and George Williams return to claim their tackle jobs.

Talented John Foley, who sat out the 1988 campaign with an injury, will join Ned Bolcar and Stonebreaker on the linebacking unit, while Stan Smagala, Todd Lyght, Pat Terrell and D'Juan Francisco all are talented and speedy defensive backs.

Only one of Notre Dame's first six games is at home, so the Irish are advised to be ready early. If they are, they could go a long way.

MIAMI (FLA.)

Coach: Dennis Erickson (first year at Miami; 50-31-1 overall, 7 years).
1988 record: 11-1 (beat Nebraska in Orange Bowl).
Key losses: Darrin Bruce, OT; Andre Brown, FL; Rod Carter, LB; Donald Ellis, CB; Cleveland Gary, FB; Bill Hawkins, DE; Bubba McDowell, CB; John O'Neill, OT; Randy Shannon, LB; Steve Walsh, QB.



Notre Dame tight end Derek Brown is big and reliable.

Starters returning: Offense (6): Rob Chudzinski, TE, 6-4/224, Jr.; Leonard Conley, RB, 5-9/170, Jr.; Bobby Garcia, C, 6-3/253, Sr.; Darren Handy, G, 6-1/264, Jr.; Randal Hill, WR, 5-11/173, Jr.; Mike Sullivan, G, 6-4/270, Jr. **Defense (6):** Maurice Crum, LB, 6-0/222, Jr.; Bobby Harden, S, 6-2/195, Sr.; Jimmie Jones, T, 6-4/261, Sr.; Greg Mark, E, 6-4/244, Sr.; Russell Maryland, T, 6-2/265, Jr.; Charles Pharms, S, 5-11/180, Soph.
Key returnees: Kenny Berry, CB, Sr.; Bernard Clark, LB, Sr.; Shannon Crowell, FB, Jr.; Shane Curry, DE, Jr.; Dale Dawkins, WR, Sr.; Craig Erickson, QB, Jr.; Mark Evans, OT, Sr.; Rod Holder, C, Sr. (status questionable/knee); Carlos Huerta, K, Soph.; Alex Johnson, HB, Jr.; Tim Kalal, P, Sr.; Eric Miller, DE, Soph.; Willis Peguese, DT, Sr.
Top newcomers: Jessie Armstead, LB; Michael Barrow, LB (RS); Wesley Carroll, WR (JC); Lamar Thomas, WR (RS); Kipp Vickers, DT (RS); Jo Jo Wright, S (JC).
Schedule: At Wisconsin, Sept. 9; California, Sept. 16; at Missouri, Sept. 23; at Michigan State, Sept. 30; Cincinnati, Oct. 7; San Jose State, Oct. 14; at Florida State, Oct. 28; East Carolina, Nov. 4; at Pittsburgh, Nov. 11; San Diego State, Nov. 18; Notre Dame, Nov. 25.
Site: Coral Gables, Fla.

The marquee has changed at Miami, but the story line shouldn't. "The Jimmy and Steve Show," which played so well in south Florida and throughout the nation the last two years, has given way to "The Ericksons."

Coach Jimmy Johnson has gone to the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League. Quarterback Steve Walsh, who guided the Hurricanes to 23 victories in 24 games and a national title in his two years as a starter, also has gone to the NFL, giving up his final season of eligibility.

So, the Hurricanes will have a new look with the Ericksons, Coach Dennis and quarterback Craig, lifting the curtain on a new era. But "new era" does not necessarily translate into "hard times." The Hurricanes should immediately resume their role as a strong contender for national honors.

"The standards have been set here at Miami," said Erickson the coach. "People are aware of what can be accomplished. The resources are established and the opportunity is there to compete for the national championship on a yearly basis."

The ingredients are there for 1989, with six starters returning on both sides of the ball, not to mention placekicker Carlos Huerta and punter Tim Kalal.

Mike Sullivan, Bobby Garcia and Darren Handy return to an offensive line that should be big and talented. Versatile halfback Leonard Conley is back, as are wide receiver Randal (Thrill) Hill and tight end Rob Chudzinski.

Defensively, Greg Mark, Russell Maryland and Jimmie Jones anchor a front wall that should rank among the best in college football. Maurice Crum is one of the outstanding linebackers in the nation, and Bobby Harden and Charles Pharms return to the secondary.

Add to those lists such future stars as linebacker Bernard Clark, cornerback Kenny Berry, defensive end Shane Curry, fullback Shannon Crowell and receivers Dale Dawkins amd Lamar Thomas, and you have the makings of a Top 10 team.

"Miami's defenses have won many, many games for them and they have probably been the most consistently dominant defensive football team in the country in recent years," Coach Erickson said. "We're not going to change anything. We're going to run the same scheme because it's very similar to what we've run."

Other than more use of the one-back set, more formations and the use of motion, Miami's vaunted passing game won't be much different, either. Erickson comes to Miami with a passing background, and his 1988 Washington State team ranked among the national leaders in such categories as passing offense, total offense and scoring. The Cougars compiled a 9-3 record and recorded their first bowl victory since 1916.

Erickson the quarterback is a 6-2 junior who has waited patiently for his chance. He is considered a better athlete than Walsh and has an arm that could vault him quickly to the top of the national passing charts.

FLORIDA STATE

Coach: Bobby Bowden (112-38-3, 13 years; 185-70-3 overall, 23 years).
1988 record: 11-1 (beat Auburn in Sugar Bowl).
Key losses: Tim Corlew, P; Chip Ferguson, QB; Steve Gabbard, DT; John Hadley, LB; Felton Hayes, LB; Joey Ionata, OT; Jason Kuipers, OG; Tom O'Malley, TE; Deion Sanders, CB; Tracy Sanders, CB; Stan Shiver, S; Sammie Smith, TB; Pat Tomberlin, OT; Dayne Williams, FB.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Terry Anthony, SE, 6-0/195, Sr.; Ronald Lewis, FL, 6-0/179, Sr.; Mike Morris, G, 6-2/251, Soph.; Michael Tanks, C, 6-1/254, Sr. **Defense (5):** Dedrick Dodge, S, 6-2/175, Sr.; Odell Haggins, NG, 6-2/258, Sr.; Eric Hayes, DT, 6-3/289, Sr.; Kelvin Smith, LB, 6-0/235, Jr.; Shelton Thompson, LB, 6-3/248, Sr.
Key returnees: Richie Andrews, K, Jr.; David Bassett, DB, Jr.; Edgar Bennett, FB, Soph.; John Brown, OG, Sr.; LeRoy Butler, S, Sr. (switched from CB); Dexter Carter, TB, Sr.; Lawrence Dawsey, FL, Jr.; Howard Dinkins, LB, Soph.; Corian Freeman, CB, Jr.; Kevin Grant, LB, Sr.; Hayward Haynes, OG, Jr.; Brad Johnson, QB, Soph.; Reggie Johnson, TE, Jr.; Bruce LaSane, SE, Sr.; Kevin Mancini, OT, Soph.; Bill Mason, K, Jr.; Anthony Moss, LB, Jr.; Chris Parker, TB, Soph.; Casey Weldon, QB, Soph.; Peter Tom Willis, QB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Robbie Baker, C (RS); Jason Dillaberry, OT (RS); Oliver Strickland, DT (RS); Eric Turral, WR; John Wimberly, P (RS/knee).
Schedule: Southern Mississippi (at Jacksonville, Fla.), Sept. 2; Clemson, Sept. 9; at Louisiana State, Sept. 16; Tulane, Sept. 23; at Syracuse, Oct. 7; at Virginia Tech, Oct. 14; Auburn, Oct. 21; Miami (Fla.), Oct. 28; South Carolina, Nov. 4; Memphis State, Nov. 18; at Florida, Dec. 2.
Site: Tallahassee, Fla.

For the last two years, Florida State has been king of college football—outside of Florida, that is. In back-to-back 11-1 seasons, only losses to state-rival Miami have kept the Seminoles from playing for two national titles.

The bad news is that the Hurricanes are on the schedule again. The good news is that the Seminoles should be national contenders once more, even though Coach Bobby Bowden must replace 13 starters plus departed punter Tim Corlew.

"We would like to get to the point, like the old saying goes, where we can reload every year—not have to rebuild," said Bowden, whose 185 victories rank third among active major college coaches.

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DIVISION I-A

PRESEASON ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	DAN BITSON, Tulsa	6-02/184	Junior
WR	*RAGHIB ISMAIL, Notre Dame	5-10/175	Soph.
WR	BRUCE LaSANE, Florida State	6-04/210	Senior
TE	DAVE JAKOB, Penn State	6-02/230	Senior
T	TURNELL SIMS, Syracuse	6-03/285	Junior
T	STEVE TARDY, Rutgers	6-05/270	Senior
C	JOHN FLANNERY, Syracuse	6-03/291	Junior
G	BLAKE BEDNARZ, Syracuse	6-03/303	Senior
G	MIKE SULLIVAN, Miami (Fla.)	6-04/270	Junior
QB	TONY RICE, Notre Dame	6-01/200	Senior
RB	HAROLD GREEN, South Carolina	6-02/218	Senior
RB	BLAIR THOMAS, Penn State	5-11/190	Senior

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	ODELL HAGGINS, Florida State	6-02/258	Senior
DL	ROB BURNETT, Syracuse	6-03/265	Senior
DL	GREG MARK, Miami (Fla.)	6-04/244	Senior
DL	RUSSELL MARYLAND, Miami (Fla.)	6-02/265	Junior
DL	MARC SPINDLER, Pittsburgh	6-05/270	Junior
LB	CURTIS BRAY, Pittsburgh	6-04/230	Soph.
LB	MAURICE CRUM, Miami (Fla.)	6-00/222	Junior
LB	MICHAEL STONEBREAKER, Notre Dame	6-01/228	Senior
LB	TERRY WOODEN, Syracuse	6-02/232	Senior
DB	LeROY BUTLER, Florida State	6-00/190	Senior
DB	ALONZO HAMPTON, Pittsburgh	6-00/190	Senior
DB	TODD LYGHT, Notre Dame	6-01/181	Junior
DB	PAT TERRELL, Notre Dame	6-00/195	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JOHN IVANIC, Northern Illinois	5-10/161	Junior
P	SCOTT BRYANT, Southern Mississippi	6-02/185	Soph.


Sullivan


Green


Haggins


Lyght

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	*DARRYL TILLMAN, Southern Mississippi	6-00/180	Senior
WR	RONALD LEWIS, Florida State	6-00/179	Senior
WR	ROB MOORE, Syracuse	6-02/201	Junior
TE	DEREK BROWN, Notre Dame	6-07/235	Soph.
T	BUDDY KING, Southern Mississippi	6-06/262	Senior
T	GRANT LOWE, East Carolina	6-05/270	Senior
C	ALLEN DOUGLAS, Louisville	6-03/242	Senior
G	TIM GRUNHARD, Notre Dame	6-03/292	Senior
G	KEITH ZIMMERMAN, Southwestern Louisiana	6-01/266	Senior
QB	MAJOR HARRIS, West Virginia	6-01/207	Junior
RB	DEXTER CARTER, Florida State	5-09/168	Senior
RB	CURVIN RICHARDS, Pittsburgh	5-10/190	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	CHRIS ZORICH, Notre Dame	6-01/268	Junior
DL	JIMMIE JONES, Miami (Fla.)	6-04/261	Senior
DL	TONY SIRAGUSA, Pittsburgh	6-05/275	Senior
DL	TED WASHINGTON, Louisville	6-05/285	Junior
DL	GEORGE WILLIAMS, Notre Dame	6-03/277	Junior
LB	NED BOLCAR, Notre Dame	6-02/229	Senior
LB	ANDRE COLLINS, Penn State	6-01/220	Senior
LB	RICARDO McDONALD, Pittsburgh	6-02/225	Soph.
LB	GLENELL SANDERS, Louisiana Tech	6-00/227	Senior
DB	SIMMIE CARTER, Southern Mississippi	6-01/175	Junior
DB	EDDIE MOORE, Memphis State	6-00/190	Senior
DB	LOUIS RIDDICK, Pittsburgh	6-03/220	Junior
DB	STAN SMAGALA, Notre Dame	5-11/186	Senior

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	CARLOS HUERTA, Miami (Fla.)	5-09/172	Soph.
P	RODNEY PRICE, South Carolina	6-00/215	Senior

*Selected as all-purpose player.


R. Moore


Douglas


Siragusa


Collins

1988 STATISTICS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG
Richards, Pittsburgh	207	1228	5.9	111.6
Mayweather, Army	191	1022	5.4	102.2
Dach, No. Illinois	192	906	4.7	82.4

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Baker, Temple	193	101	1540	133.6
Favre, So. Mississippi	319	178	2271	129.0
Dickerson, Pittsburgh	213	104	1600	115.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Rush.	Pass.	Total	Yds.PG
Mitchell, SW La.	743	1807	2550	231.8
Johnson, Akron	262	2170	2432	221.1
Rubley, Tulsa	-81	2497	2416	219.6

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Ct.PG
Bitson, Tulsa	52	1138	21.9	4.7
McIntosh, Tulane	52	907	17.4	4.7

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Huerta, Mia. (Fla.)	0	44	21	107	9.7
Mitchell, SW La.	15	2	0	92	8.4

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Rudison, Akron	58	2511	43.3
Bryant, So. Mississippi	61	2443	40.1

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Cherry, Boston College	15	206	1	13.7
Watters, Notre Dame	19	253	2	13.3
Platt, So. Carolina	21	266	0	12.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Frager, Boston College	19	491	0	25.8
Mayweather, Army	13	325	0	25.0

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Huerta, Miami (Fla.)	27	21	.778	1.91
Mackie, So. Carolina	24	18	.750	1.64

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Moore, Memphis St.	7	51	0	.64
Price, Tulane	5	24	0	.50
Tucker, No. Illinois	5	17	0	.50

1988 STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
Notre Dame	12	0	0
West Virginia	11	1	0
Florida State	11	1	0
Miami (Fla.)	11	1	0
Southern Mississippi	10	2	0
Syracuse	10	2	0
Army	9	3	0
Louisville	8	3	0
South Carolina	8	4	0
Northern Illinois	7	4	0
Pittsburgh	6	5	0
Memphis State	6	5	0
Southwestern Louisiana	6	5	0
Akron	5	6	0
Penn State	5	6	0
Rutgers	5	6	0
Tulane	5	6	0
Temple	4	7	0
Tulsa	4	7	0
Boston College	3	8	0
Cincinnati	3	8	0
East Carolina	3	8	0
Navy	3	8	0
Virginia Tech	3	8	0

It will take some "reloading" to replace such departing stars as cornerback Deion Sanders, offensive tackle Pat Tomberlin and tailback Sammie Smith, but Bowden doesn't sound worried.

"Our program is progressing to a point where we've got capable backups for those people," he said. "You don't just reach down and find another All-America to step in, but you count on some pretty good athletes to plug some holes."

Such as noseguard Odell Haggins, who appears ready for national honors after earning some All-America consideration last year. Or any one of four talented Seminole receivers, a.k.a the Fabulous Four of Terry Anthony, Ronald Lewis, Lawrence Dawsey and Bruce LaSane. As a group, they caught 99 passes for 1,805 yards and 22 touchdowns in 1988.

Versatile Dexter Carter, who gained 692 yards in rushing, receiving and kickoff returns, will replace Smith at tailback. Peter Tom Willis, a fifth-year senior who got some seasoning last fall, is the leading candidate to replace Chip Ferguson at quarterback.

Other defensive players to watch besides Haggins are linebackers Shelton Thompson and Kelvin Smith, who registered a team-leading 94 tackles as a sophomore, and defensive backs LeRoy Butler and Dedrick Dodge.

To say that Florida State's schedule is tough would be an understatement. Eight 1988 bowl teams await the Seminoles.

"If we go 11-1 this time around, we gotta be some kind of team," Bowden said.

SYRACUSE

Coach: Dick MacPherson (51-38-2, 8 years; 96-65-3 overall, 15 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (beat LSU in Hall of Fame Bowl).
Key losses: Pat Davis, TE; Robert Drummond, HB; Keith Friberg, LB; Deval Glover, WR; David Holmes, DB; Chris Ingram, DB; Daryl Johnston, FB; Jeff Mangram, DB; Markus Paul, DB; Todd Philcox, QB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Blake Bednarz, G, 6-3/303, Sr.; Mike Bernard, T, 6-2/273, Jr.; John Flannery, C, 6-3/291, Jr.; Gary McCummings, G, 6-2/265, Jr.; Rob Moore, WR, 6-2/201, Jr.; Turnell Sims, T, 6-3/285, Jr. **Defense (6):** David Bavaro, LB, 6-0/235, Sr.; Dan Bucey, LB, 6-2/244, Sr.; Rob Burnett, T, 6-3/265, Sr.; Fred DeRiggi, NG, 6-2/268, Sr.; George Rooks, T, 6-3/272, Soph.; Terry Wooden, LB, 6-2/232, Sr.
Key returnees: Alban Brown, LB, Sr.; Chris Chavers, RB, Soph.; Frank Conover, DT, Jr.; Andrew Dees, TE, Soph.; Kevin D. Greene, FB/TB, Jr.; Ken Hawkins, P, Soph.; Todd Kasmer, WR, Soph.; Duane Kinnon, FB, Jr.; Brian LeBaron, LB, Jr.; Michael Owens, RB, Sr.; Tim Sandquist, DB, Soph.; Bill Scharr, QB, Jr.; Rob Thomson, DB, Jr.; Greg Walker, DB, Soph.; Sean Whiteman, DB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Sean Barowski, FB, Jr. (transfer/Penn State); Ousmane Bary, DB (RS); John Biskup, K (RS); Bobby Carpenter, WR (transfer/Notre Dame); Chris Gedney, TE (RS); Qadry Ismail, WR (RS); Antonio Johnson, WR (RS); Wendal Lowrey, QB (RS); Earl Lumpkin, DB (RS); Glen Young, LB (RS).
Schedule: At Temple, Sept. 9; Army, Sept. 16; at Pittsburgh, Sept. 23; Florida State, Oct. 7; Penn State, Oct. 14; at Rutgers, Oct. 21; East Carolina, Oct. 28; Boston College, Nov. 4; at Navy, Nov. 11; West Virginia, Nov. 18; Louisville (at Tokyo), Dec. 2 (tentative).
Site: Syracuse, N.Y.



Syracuse's Michael Owens is a breakaway threat at tailback.

More than a few observers expected Syracuse to fall back into the pack last season. The 11-0-1 dream of 1987 was a one-year mirage, right?

Not quite. The Orangemen surprised skeptics by compiling a 9-2 record last fall and then punctuated their success with a convincing 23-10 victory over Southeastern Conference co-champion Louisiana State in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Over the last two years, the Orangemen have produced a 21-2-1 ledger that qualifies as the best two-season mark in college football north of the Sunshine State. Only Miami (23-1) and Florida State (22-2) were better in the 1987 and '88 seasons combined.

The renaissance of Syracuse football is not expected to end anytime soon. The ingredients are there for another nine-plus victory season, even though there are some holes to fill before dipping into an ambitious schedule that includes Florida State, Penn State, West Virginia, Louisville and Pittsburgh.

The strength of the Orangemen will be an offensive line that could be the best in the nation. Guard Blake Bednarz, tackle Turnell Sims and center John Flannery are All-America hopefuls who will be starting together for the third year in a row. Guard Gary McCummings and tackle Mike Bernard both were starters last season.

This line could make Syracuse's backfield look a lot better than it really is. Bill Scharr will be asked to replace quarterback Todd Philcox, who enjoyed a good 1988 season. Scharr is a strong-armed passer who has seen most of his action in a backup role. Michael Owens will get the call at tailback after two seasons of platooning. Owens is a breakaway threat who will operate with either Kevin D. Greene or Penn State transfer Sean Barowski at fullback.

The name to remember at wide receiver is Rob Moore, who is gunning for national attention after catching 44 passes for 797 yards and 11 touchdowns in 1988.

The Orangemen will be solid defensively if Coach Dick MacPherson can restock a secondary that was decimated by graduation.

Noseguard Fred DeRiggi and tackles George Rooks and Rob Burnett form a strong front wall, with linebackers Terry Wooden, David Bavaro and Dan Bucey providing backup support.

The Orangemen allowed only two touchdown passes in 1988, and finding replacements for the five fifth-year seniors in the secondary will be a tall order. Cornerbacks Sean Whiteman and Greg Walker and safeties Rob Thomson and Tim Sandquist all will be tested early.

PENN STATE

Coach: Joe Paterno (212-54-2, 23 years).
1988 record: 5-6.
Key losses: Eddie Johnson, CB; Eric Jonassen, OT; Keith Karpinski, LB; Lance Lonergan, QB; Bob Mrosko, DT; Andre Powell, LB (will miss '89/knee); Michael Timpson, WR; Bob Vernaglia, OG; Steve Wisniewski, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Gary Brown, FB, 5-11/201, Jr. (switched from TB); Dave Daniels, WR, 6-1/185, Jr.; Roger Duffy, C, 6-2/270, Sr.; Tim Freeman, T, 6-5/275, Sr.; Sam Gash, FB, 6-0/225, Jr. (missed spring/wrist); Dave Jakob, TE, 6-2/235, Sr. **Defense (7):** Brian Chizmar, LB, 6-1/205, Sr. (switched from S); Andre Collins, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Scott Gob, LB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Darren Perry, CB, 5-10/175, Jr.; Sherrod Rainge, S, 6-1/196, Sr. (switched from CB); Rich Schonewolf, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Dave Szott, NT, 6-4/261, Sr. (might switch to OG).
Key returnees: Tom Bill, QB, Jr.; Matt Baggett, LB, Soph.; Jim Deter, NT, Soph. (switched from DT); Mark D'Onofrio, LB, Soph.; Pat Duffy, OT, Sr. (broke ankle in spring); Frank Giannetti, DT, Jr.; Keith Goganious, LB, Soph.; Mark Graham, CB, Soph. (shoulder injury in spring); Neil Hamilton, LB, Sr.; Doug Helkowski, P, Soph.; Hernon Henderson, CB, Jr. (RS); O.J. McDuffie, WR, Soph.; Sean Moffitt, OG, Soph. (switched from DT); Ed Monaghan, OG, Sr.; Sean Redman, TB, Sr.; Tony Sacca, QB, Soph.; Terry Smith, WR, Soph.; Blair Thomas, TB, Sr. (missed '88/knee); Willie Thomas, CB, Jr.; Leroy Thompson, TB, Jr.; John Wolfe, LB, Jr. (switched from TE); Todd Young, TE, Sr.
Top newcomers: Gerry Collins, RB (transfer/Colorado State); Ivory Gethers, LB (RS); Tony Matesic, DT/NT (RS); Matt Nardolillo, QB (RS); Bobby Samuels, TB (RS); Adam Shinnick, DB (RS; broke ankle in spring).
Schedule: Virginia, Sept. 9; Temple, Sept. 16; Boston College, Sept. 23; at Texas, Sept. 30; at Rutgers, Oct. 7; at Syracuse, Oct. 14; Alabama, Oct. 28; West Virginia, Nov. 4; at Maryland, Nov. 11; Notre Dame, Nov. 18; at Pittsburgh, Nov. 25.
Site: University Park, Pa.

Every 50 years or so, Penn State joins the real world of college football. The 1988 season was a lost cause.

The Nittany Lions fell from grace with a 5-6 mark—the first losing season in Coach Joe Paterno's 23-year tenure and the first by a Penn State team since 1938.

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The reverberations were felt throughout a not-so-happy Happy Valley during a winter of discontent. Paterno worked hard to rally his troops.

"There's a sense of urgency among all of us, coaches as well as players," Paterno said in the spring. "There's much more intensity out there. Everybody's made a commitment to work harder."

Nobody has worked harder than senior tailback Blair Thomas, who sat out the '88 season after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery.

"It's a personal thing," said Thomas, who rushed for 1,414 yards in 1987—the third-highest single-season total in school history. "I want to show everybody it's possible to come off an injury like this and perform just as well as you did before."

Without Thomas, Penn State's offense ground to a halt last season. With Thomas available to provide a breakaway threat, life should be a lot easier for quarterbacks Tom Bill and Tony Sacca.

"Thomas sets a whole different tempo for our running backs," Paterno said. "He looks as if he's 100 percent, but you never know until he gets banged around. We didn't scrimmage him in the spring, but Blair Thomas is Blair Thomas. He could be one of the best running backs we've ever had at Penn State. It's nice to have him back because he sets such a great example for our young kids."

To make room for Thomas, Paterno switched junior Gary Brown, last season's leading rusher with 689 yards, to fullback.

With the running game apparently covered, Paterno will look for big improvement from his quarterbacks. Sacca returns after a rocky freshman campaign, and Bill comes back after sitting out much of 1988 with a knee injury.

Bill was the starter a year ago until he suffered a dislocated kneecap against Rutgers. Sacca, a highly touted recruit with a strong arm, started the next three games, completing only 37 percent of his passes before being benched. He appeared more poised and confident in spring practice.

Leading receiver Michael Timpson is gone, but Penn State's pass-catching corps is well stocked. Dave Daniels has the speed and big-play capability at wide receiver, while reliable Dave Jakob returns at tight end. Terry Smith and O.J. McDuffie both are impact wideouts.

The biggest offensive question will be a line that returns only center Roger Duffy and tackle Tim Freeman. Dave Szott may be asked to return to a guard spot after two years of playing nose tackle.

Penn State's deepest defensive position should be, as usual, linebacker. Andre Collins is the headliner for a talented group that includes Brian Chizmar, Scott Gob, Keith Goganious and Neil Hamilton.

The rest of the Nittany Lion defense will be young and untested. Tackle Rich Schonewolf will be asked to anchor the front wall, while safety Sherrod Rainge returns as the heart of an inexperienced secondary.

Who'll Fill Walsh's Shoes?



Only at Miami—which gave the pros Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde and now Steve Walsh—can a team lose a consensus All-America quarterback and not miss a beat. Junior Craig Erickson figures to let the Hurricanes do just that.

"His mental and physical tools are as good, if not better, than anybody who has come out of (Miami)," said Gary Stevens, who coached all of the aforementioned quarterbacks at Miami and now is an assistant with the Miami Dolphins. "He's a combination of all those quarterbacks, and he'll be a great quarterback."



Craig Erickson

The loss of Walsh, who decided to go pro a year early, will give Erickson his opportunity a year sooner than expected. New Miami Coach Dennis Erickson (no relation to Craig) wasted little time naming Walsh's successor.

"Craig Erickson will be the next great quarterback at the University of Miami," he said. "He throws the ball extremely well, and he's very intelligent."

So intelligent, in fact, that it cost him a year of eligibility. Erickson diligently studied Miami's sophisticated offense, grasped the system faster than any of his predecessors and became Walsh's backup his first two seasons. He was never redshirted. He completed 48 of 86 passes for 686 yards and eight touchdowns in two seasons behind Walsh.

In his first year as a starter, however, he will be working for a new coach in a new system—one that features moving pockets, rollouts and more motion than Miami's traditional drop-back, pro style. But the 6-foot-2, 196-pounder appears better suited to Dennis Erickson's offense than Walsh would have been. He is more athletic than Walsh and has a stronger arm for the short sideline-to-sideline patterns.

"Craig is stronger and has more speed on the ball," Hurricanes wide receiver Dale Dawkins said. "With Craig, you come out of your break and the ball is right there."

—TOM D'ANGELO

PITTSBURGH

Coach: Mike Gottfried (19-14-1, 3 years; 68-53-4 overall, 11 years).
1988 record: 6-5.
Key losses: Darnell Dickerson, QB (academically ineligible); Burt Grossman, DE; Cornell Holloway, CB; Jerry Olsavsky, LB; Tom Ricketts, OT; Mark Stepnoski, OG; Troy Washington, S.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Dean Caliguire, C, 6-3/270, Sr.; Dan Crossman, FB, 6-1/195, Sr. (switched to S); Chris Goetz, G, 6-3/275, Sr.; Roman Matusz, T, 6-5/275, Sr.; Curvin Richards, TB, 5-10/190, Soph.; Henry Tuten, WR, 6-0/175, Sr. **Defense (7):** Curtis Bray, LB, 6-4/230, Soph.; Alonzo Hampton, CB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Ricardo McDonald, LB, 6-2/225, Soph.; Louis Riddick, S, 6-3/220, Jr.; Tom Sims, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Carnel Smith, E/T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Nelson Walker, LB, 6-3/230, Jr. (switched from DE).
Key returnees: Richard Allen, DT, Sr.; Chris Bouyer, WR, Soph.; Mike Chalenski, DE, Soph.; Bill Cherpak, OG, Sr. (neck injury in spring); Jeff Esters, DT, Soph. (may switch to OL); Hosea Heard, WR, Jr. (RS); Baron Jackson, WR, Soph.; Scott Kaplan, K, Soph.; Ronald Redmon, FB, Soph.; Eric Seaman, TE, Soph. (RS); Tony Siragusa, DT, Sr. (RS/knee); Marc Spindler, DT, Jr.; Adam Walker, TB, Sr.; Reggie Williams, WR, Sr.; Prentiss Wright, LB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Sean Gilbert, DE; Keith Hamilton, DE; Steve Israel, CB (RS); Derrick Lewis, FB (RS); Mike LiVorio, OT/OG (RS); Scott Stark, QB (JC); Lionel Sykes, TE (JC); Olanda Truitt, WR; Alex Van Pelt, QB (RS).
Schedule: Pacific, Sept. 2; at Boston College, Sept. 9; Syracuse, Sept. 23; at West Virginia, Sept. 30; at Temple, Oct. 7; Navy, Oct. 14; at Notre Dame, Oct. 28; Miami (Fla.), Nov. 11; East Carolina, Nov. 18; Penn State, Nov. 25; Rutgers (in Dublin, Ireland), Dec. 2.
Site: Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh Coach Mike Gottfried often can be found in high school gyms watching basketball games while on recruiting missions for football players. Which probably explains why he talks about his football team in basketball terms.

"We're going to run a lot, we're going to press a lot, like a basketball team," Gottfried said. "And we're going to substitute freely. We're going to try to put pressure on teams. We want to play a swarming defense."

But with 13 starters returning from last year's 6-5 team—six on offense and seven on defense—the pressure may be on Gottfried for a bowl bid and a possible spot in the Top 20. Maybe that's why he replaced four assistants on the heels of losses in the final two games and a snub by the bowl people last year.

The most notable newcomer will be offensive coordinator Paul Hackett, who tutored quarterbacks Brian Sipe of the Cleveland Browns, Joe Montana of the San Francisco 49ers and Danny White of the Dallas Cowboys during stints as an NFL assistant.

The plan at Pitt was for Hackett to streamline the offense, giving quarterback Darnell Dickerson the opportunity to blossom. Unfortunately, Dickerson, who passed for 1,599 yards and rushed for 555 more last fall, has been ruled academically ineligible.

That means the Panthers will have to rely on a pair of unproven quarterbacks in Alex Van Pelt and Scott Stark. It also means the Panthers may lean heavily on

their solid running game.

Tailback Curvin Richards, The Sporting News' Freshman of the Year last season when he rushed for 1,228 yards, is back for his sophomore campaign. Adam Walker, who lost his job to Richards last season after suffering an ankle injury, also should be a factor.

There is a deep and talented group of receivers, led by seniors Henry Tuten and Reggie Williams and sophomore Baron Jackson.

As usual, the Panthers feature an outstanding offensive lineman to follow in the illustrious footsteps of Bill Fralic, Mark May, Russ Grimm and Mark Stepnoski. This year it's senior center Dean Caliguire, who anchors a potentially good line that also will include returnees Chris Goetz at guard and Roman Matusz at tackle.

The Panthers' real strength, however, will be on defense. The front wall could be dominating if tackles Tony Siragusa and Marc Spindler recover fully from spring knee injuries, and if freshman Sean Gilbert, a 6-6, 270-pound defensive end, plays like a blue-chipper, as sophomore end Mike Chalenski did last season.

Pitt's defense also will feature outstanding sophomore linebackers Curtis Bray and Ricardo McDonald and talented pass defenders Alonzo Hampton and Louis Riddick.

The Panthers' Top 20 hopes will be tested by a nasty schedule that includes such powerhouses as Syracuse, West Virginia, Notre Dame, Miami (Fla.), Penn State and Rutgers.

RUTGERS

Coach: Dick Anderson (25-27-2, 5 years).
1988 record: 5-6.
Key losses: Derek Baker, S; George Bankos, DT; Carter Giles, DT; Doug Kokoskie, LB; John Kutz, OG; Brett Mersola, WR; Larry Muno, LB; Jeff Newman, S; Carmen Sclafani, K; Eric Young, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Mike Botti, RB, 6-0/206, Sr. (knee injury in spring); James Cann, RB, 5-11/198, Jr.; Jeff Erickson, C, 6-3/250, Sr.; Scott Erney, QB, 6-1/196, Sr.; James Jenkins, TE, 6-2/235, Jr. (switched to LB; leg injury in spring); Bill Milano, T, 6-6/273, Sr.; Steve Tardy, G, 6-5/270, Sr. (switched from OT); Nick Urda, G, 6-1/254, Sr. **Defense (4):** John Blanton, CB, 5-9/185, Jr.; Darrin Czellecz, S, 5-11/181, Sr.; Tim Lester, E, 6-5/216, Jr.; Pat Udovich, LB, 6-0/227, Sr. (broke hand in spring).
Key returnees: Ron Allen, DB, Soph.; Mike Conlan, LB/DE, Jr. (shoulder injury in spring); Paul Garea, LB, Jr. (RS); Doug Giesler, K, Sr.; Henry Henderson, RB, Sr.; Bill Hiros, OT, Sr.; Randy Jackson, WR, Jr.; Vaughn McKoy, DB, Sr.; Tyrone McQueen, SE, Sr.; Glenn Miller, CB, Sr.; Scott Miller, DT, Jr.; Chuck Paugh, DT, Sr. (knee injury in spring); Chris Pickel, LB, Jr. (RS; missed spring/knee); Joe Savoy, DT, Sr.; Bob Speidel, LB, Jr. (RS).
Top newcomers: Lance Evina, WR; Chris Stoll, TE.
Schedule: At Cincinnati, Sept. 2; Ball State, Sept. 9; Boston College, Sept. 16; at Northwestern, Sept. 23; Penn State, Oct. 7; at Kentucky, Oct. 14; Syracuse, Oct. 21; at Army, Oct. 28; at West Virginia, Nov. 11; at Temple, Nov. 18; Pittsburgh (in Dublin, Ireland), Dec. 2.
Site: New Brunswick, N.J.



Rutgers quarterback Scott Erney will lead an offense that should be able to score on anyone.

Rutgers has been called the Sleeping Giant of the East for so long that some question whether the Giant is in an irreversible coma. But this could be the season the Scarlet Knights come to life. Entering his sixth campaign, Coach Dick Anderson has a team that, on paper, should challenge Penn State, Pitt, Syracuse and West Virginia for regional honors.

"I think we've gotten better since we've been here," said Anderson, who has compiled a 25-27-2 record at Rutgers. "I don't like to look at one season and say, 'This is a do-or-die year.' We try to take one game at a time. If we do that, and we're successful, the rest will take care of itself."

Quarterback Scott Erney will lead an offense that should be able to score on anyone. The defensive spark will be provided by cornerback Darrin Czellecz, who was such a ferocious hitter last season that he temporarily knocked himself out of three games with crunching tackles.

"I've always said that once Rutgers becomes a good team, it's going to remain there because they've gone about building that program the right way," Penn State's Joe Paterno said. "They play sound, fundamental football. They don't make mistakes, and they don't beat themselves."

Rutgers appeared to have arrived as a program to be reckoned with early last season, when the Knights upset defending Rose Bowl champ Michigan State, 17-13, in East Lansing, and then beat Penn State, 21-16, in Happy Valley. But the Knights lost four of their last five to finish 5-6.

"I think our whole football team was frustrated after last season because we did so many good things, but then again, we were not consistent," Anderson said. "All of us want to do better. That's their goal. That's my goal."

Erney already ranks as the school's career offensive leader in five categories, including completions (406) and passing yardage (4,652). He will operate behind a line of five fifth-year seniors that features Steve Tardy at one of the guard slots.

The pro-style offense will feature fullback Mike Botti, who rushed for 715 yards last season, and tailbacks James Cann and Henry Henderson, who missed most of last season with a knee injury after rushing for 846 yards in 1987. Randy Jackson and Tyrone McQueen lead a sure-handed receiving corps.

Defensively, Czellecz leads a secondary that also returns Glenn Miller. Up front, Rutgers will have the dominating player it needs if 6-3, 270-pound tackle Scott Miller recovers from the knee surgery that forced him to miss eight 1988 games.

Pat Udovich is the best player on a linebacking unit that has been seriously thinned by injuries. James Jenkins has been moved from his tight end position to help out.

LOUISVILLE

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger (16-27-1, 4 years; 57-43-1 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 8-3.
Key losses: Deon Booker, HB; Chris Glasper, OT; Jay Gruden, QB; Jeff Smith, OG; Craig Swabek, FB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Eric Broomfield, SE, 5-11/170, Jr.; Pete Burkey, T, 6-4/272, Jr.; Anthony Cummings, FL, 5-8/176, Jr.; Allen Douglas, C, 6-3/246, Sr.; Chad Fortune, TE, 6-5/221, Sr.; Mike McKinney, G, 6-3/284, Sr. **Defense (11):** Arthur Alexander, CB, 5-10/173, Sr.; Bob Bare, S, 6-2/205, Jr. (status questionable/leg); Pat Fitzgerald, LB, 6-4/207, Jr.; Mike Flores, E, 6-3/232, Jr.; John Gainey, CB, 5-9/183, Jr.; Dan Gangwer, T, 6-2/250, Jr.; Robert Gibson, LB, 6-3/207, Sr.; Mark Sander, LB, 6-2/226, Jr.; Joey Smith, S, 5-10/180, Jr.; Ted Washington, T, 6-5/290, Jr. (elbow injury in spring); Deron Williams, E, 6-1/235, Soph.
Key returnees: Ron Bell, K, Jr.; Pete Bynm, FB, Jr.; Mike Gergosky, OT, Soph.; Andrew Higgs, DT, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Fred Jones, FL, Soph.; Mike Mauzy, OT, Sr.; Ricky McFadden, S, Soph.; Browning Nagle, QB, Soph.; Rob Nutile, QB, Sr.; Keith Stephens, HB, Sr.; Latrell Ware, HB, Soph.; Klaus Wilmsmeyer, P, Soph.
Top newcomers: Jeff Brohm, QB; Carwell Gardner, HB (transfer/Kentucky); Jose Gonzales, FL (RS); Leonard Ray, DT; Dennis Truitt, OT.
Schedule: At Wyoming, Sept. 2; at Kansas, Sept. 9; West Virginia, Sept. 23; Cincinnati, Sept. 30; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 14; at Tulsa, Oct. 21; at Virginia, Oct. 28; Western Kentucky, Nov. 4; at Memphis State, Nov. 11; at Boston College, Nov. 18; Syracuse (at Tokyo), Dec. 2 (tentative).
Site: Louisville, Ky.

It took four years, but Coach Howard Schnellenberger finally worked his magic at Louisville. After three lean years under Schnellenberger, the Cardinals jumped to 8-3 last year with a young team that should only get better.

Louisville returns 17 starters from last year's team, including all 11 on defense. That's primarily because the redshirting approach Schnellenberger took when he arrived in 1985 finally is starting to pay

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dividends. Of the 11 returning defensive starters, only two are seniors.

The best of that crew is big Ted Washington, who should anchor the Cardinal front wall from his tackle position. Joining Washington up front will be tackle Dan Gangwer and ends Deron Williams and Mike Flores.

Pat Fitzgerald and Mark Sander, a pair of solid linebackers, and strong safety Bob Bare also are standouts on a unit that allowed only 22.3 points per game last season after giving up an average of 31.6 points two years ago.

Schnellenberger's biggest problem will be on offense, where he must replace quarterback Jay Gruden and halfback Deon Booker. The obvious choice for the former is Browning Nagle, who backed up Gruden in 1988, while Kentucky transfer Carwell Gardner will battle Keith Stephens for playing time at halfback.

Louisville's receiving corps is deep with the return of wide men Eric Broomfield and Anthony Cummings and talented tight end Chad Fortune. Center Allen Douglas is the top man on an offensive line that will have to replace two starters.

A weak schedule may have been the major reason that Louisville did not get a bowl bid last season. But you can bet that won't happen in 1989 if the Cardinals produce another 8-3 ledger. This year's schedule includes such opponents as Wyoming, West Virginia, Syracuse, Boston College and Independence Bowl champion Southern Mississippi.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Coach: Sparky Woods (first year at South Carolina; 38-19-2 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (lost to Indiana in Liberty Bowl).
Key losses: Derrick Frazier, DT; Randy Harwell, C; Kevin Hendrix, DE; Matt McKernan, LB; Anthony Parlor, WR; Ron Rabune, S; Robert Robinson, CB; Paul Shivers, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Keith Bing, RB, 6-0/208, Sr.; Robert Brooks, WR, 6-1/178, Soph.; Todd Ellis, QB, 6-3/203, Sr.; Mark Fryer, G, 6-3/258, Sr. (switched from OT); Harold Green, RB, 6-2/218, Sr.; Ike Harris, T, 6-4/260, Jr.; Carl Platt, WR, 5-9/175, Jr.; Calvin Stephens, T, 6-2/275, Jr. (switched from OG). **Defense (6):** Dale Campbell, CB, 5-11/185, Sr.; Marty Dye, T, 6-3/258, Soph.; Patrick Hinton, LB, 6-2/218, Jr.; David Taylor, S, 6-2/212, Sr. (switched from DE); Scott Windsor, E, 6-2/225, Sr.; Theartis Woodard, NG, 6-1/264, Jr.
Key returnees: Dany Branch, OG, Soph.; Bobby Brown, DL, Soph.; Mike Dingle, RB, Jr.; Robert Gibson, LB, Jr.; Collin Mackie, K, Jr.; Corey Miller, DE/LB, Jr.; Eddie Miller, WR, Soph.; David Pitchko, WR, Soph. (RS); Rodney Price, P, Sr.; Stephane Williams, DB, Sr.; Kurt Wilson, DT, Sr. (missed spring/ankle; status questionable).
Top newcomers: Erik Anderson, DB (RS); Cedric Bembery, NG; Eric Brown, LB/DE; Ernest Dye, OL; Hal Hamrick, C (JC); Leon Harris, DB (Prop 48); Mario Henry, WR; Leroy Jeter, LB (RS); Jahmal Pettiford, DL; Stacy Robinson, WR (Prop 48); Charles Steward, TE (Prop 48).
Schedule: Duke, Sept. 2; Virginia Tech, Sept. 9; at West Virginia, Sept. 16; Georgia Tech, Sept. 23; at Georgia, Sept. 30; East Carolina, Oct. 7; Western Carolina, Oct. 21; N.C. State, Oct. 28; at Florida State, Nov. 4; at North Carolina, Nov. 11; Clemson, Nov. 18.
Site: Columbia, S.C.

Questions. Questions. Questions. Sparky Woods, South Carolina's new coach, has a million of 'em.

In his first weeks after replacing Joe Morrison, who died of a heart attack in February, Woods spent most of his time asking, "Who are these guys?"

After five successful seasons at Division I-AA Appalachian State, where he compiled a 38-19-2 record and was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year an unprecedented three years in a row, Woods has a new cast of characters to get to know at South Carolina.

"I'm not great with names, anyway," he said.

He picked up on two shortly after his arrival, however, when he had to suspend noseguard Tim High and linebacker Patrick Hinton, two of the team's top defenders, for disciplinary reasons.

South Carolina recorded its second straight 8-4 season last fall, but three of its losses were late-season thumpings at the hands of Georgia Tech (34-0), Florida State (59-0) and Indiana (34-10) in the Liberty Bowl.

There were rumblings for change even before Morrison's death. Now change is certain.

Talented quarterback Todd Ellis will have to adjust to his third offense in four seasons. Morrison had changed from the run-and-shoot offense to a pro-set last season and Ellis, who had thrown for more than 3,000 yards in each of his first two campaigns, dropped to 2,353 yards as a junior and saw his Heisman Trophy hopes go out the window. In 1989, Ellis will be operating from an I-formation.

Regardless of the formation, however, the presence of Ellis guarantees an explosive—and erratic—offense. The 6-3 senior has recorded nine 300-yard games and already holds 25 school records, but he also has thrown 67 interceptions.

The Gamecocks' top running back will be Harold Green, who will try to bounce back from a 606-yard injury-plagued 1988 season. He gained 1,022 yards and scored 16 touchdowns in '87.

The receiving corps is solid and experienced with Robert Brooks and Carl Platt, and the line returns three starters—tackles Ike Harris and Calvin Stephens and guard Mark Fryer.

On defense, Woods faces some major reconstruction. The top building blocks are tackles Kurt Wilson and Marty Dye, ends Scott Windsor and David Taylor and linebacker Robert Gibson.

There are no questions about placekicker Collin Mackie, who followed a record-setting freshman season by making 19 of 25 field goals, or strong-legged punter Rodney Price.

Who'll Fill D. Sanders' Shoes?



The non-stop talking and miles of gold jewelry that Deion Sanders flaunted were things Bobby Bowden admitted he could do without. The Florida State coach used to joke that he loved having someone like the consensus All-America cornerback—about once every 35 years.

Sanders was perhaps the best football player ever at Florida State and certainly one of the finest athletes Bowden has ever coached.

"You *knew* that position was taken care of," Bowden said of Sanders' left cornerback spot. "If another team had a great receiver, you knew Deion would step in there and do the job."

With Sanders now set to do the job for the Atlanta Falcons, the question is who will replace him.

"We'll have someone line up in the position," defensive coordinator and secondary coach Mickey Andrews said. "But it won't be a Deion."

With that said, Bowden and Andrews still feel good about the players who will attempt to take Sanders' spot.



LeRoy Butler

Senior LeRoy Butler, of "puntrooskie" fame (he ran a fake punt 78 yards against Clemson to set up the Seminoles' winning field goal last year), has been switched from free safety to cornerback. The other starter should be junior Corian Freeman, a backup at right corner last season. Either player could take over Sanders' spot. Sophomore Tommy Henry and redshirt freshman Chris Hall also are possibilities.

"It's an opportunity for someone," Andrews said. "A lot's going to be expected after what Deion did. LeRoy can run. He has a lot of things going for him. He's a hard worker and has a lot of pride. But the thing he won't have is the experience of lining up one on one with a receiver outside."

Butler was fourth on the team in tackles last season with 59 (42 solo).

"LeRoy Butler is quite a competitor," Bowden said. "He doesn't have the speed of Deion, but nobody in the country does."

—BOB HARIG

WEST VIRGINIA

Coach: Don Nehlen (69-36-1, 9 years; 122-71-5 overall, 18 years).
1988 record: 11-1 (lost to Notre Dame in Fiesta Bowl).
Key losses: Grantis Bell, FL; A.B. Brown, TB; Willie Edwards, CB; Kevin Koken, C; Bob Kovach, OG; Alvoid Mays, CB; Bo Orlando, S;

Chris Parker, DT; Calvin Phillips, SE; Rick Phillips, OT; Robert Pickett, LB; Brian Smider, OT; John Stroia, OG; Craig Taylor, FB; Keith Winn, TE.
Starters returning: Offense (11): Major Harris, QB, 6-1/207, Jr. **Defense (6):** Theron Ellis, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Mike Fox, T, 6-6/254, Sr.; Jim Gray, MG, 6-1/254, Soph.; Chris Haering, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Renaldo Turnbull, LB, 6-5/234, Sr.; Darrell Whitmore, S, 5-11/178, Soph.
Key returnees: Lonnie Brockman, LB, Sr.; Aaron Evans, FB, Jr.; Steve Grant, LB, Soph.; Ted Kester, FB, Jr. (switched from LB); Jack Linn, OT, Sr.; Adrian Moss, TE, Sr.; Eugene Napoleon, TB, Sr.; Scott Parker, OG, Sr.; Jeff Price, C, Sr.; Basil Proctor, S, Jr.; Reggie Rembert, FL, Sr.; Rick Stead, DT, Jr.; Scott Summits, DT/MG, Sr.; Rico Tyler, FB, Sr.; Preston Waters, CB, Sr.; Dale Wolfley, OG, Jr.; Matt Wracher, OT, Sr.
Top newcomers: Mike Compton, C (RS); Garrett Ford, TB (RS); Boris Graham, LB (RS); Carl Hayes, TB (RS); Faron Hornes, CB (RS); Lorenzo Styles, OT (RS); Warren Suber, DL (RS); Kevin Warner, LB (RS); Sam Wilson, CB (RS).
Schedule: Ball State, Sept. 2; at Maryland, Sept. 9; South Carolina, Sept. 16; at Louisville, Sept. 23; Pittsburgh, Sept. 30; Virginia Tech, Oct. 7; Cincinnati, Oct. 21; at Boston College, Oct. 28; at Penn State, Nov. 4; Rutgers, Nov. 11; at Syracuse, Nov. 23.
Site: Morgantown, W.Va.

Major Harris spread the thumb and index finger of his right hand about an inch apart and flashed a wide grin.

"That's how close we came to winning it all, to being the national champion," West Virginia's talented quarterback said. "It was great. Everybody in the state was behind us."

A 34-21 loss to Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl was the only blemish on West Virginia's 1988 record. In falling one victory shy of their first-ever national championship, the Mountaineers reached dizzying heights and walked away with their first Lambert Trophy, symbolic of Eastern football supremacy.

Harris, a 6-1, 207-pounder, finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy balloting after passing for 1,749 yards and running for 599 more while producing 19 touchdowns.

"Major has set a standard for himself and for future Mountaineer football players," Coach Don Nehlen said. "But we think that Major can be even better this year. He's such a gifted athlete and is such a hard worker that he can do things that you can't teach, turning bad plays into big plays all by himself."

Harris will have to be better—a lot better—if the Mountaineers are to approximate last season's success. Graduation took a heavy toll, particularly on offense, where West Virginia lost its entire line, its top two rushers and four of its top five receivers.

No wonder Nehlen is calling 1989 the Year of the Challenge.

"You can see we have some pretty big shoes to fill," Nehlen said. "Trying to replace 90 percent of your offense, 45 percent of your defense and 100 percent of your kicking game is a big chore."

In Harris, only a junior, Nehlen at least has an excellent starting point.

"As long as we have Major back, we'll be able to scare a few folks," Nehlen said.

The only other big offensive weapon is wide receiver Reggie Rembert, who at 6-6



West Virginia will be able to scare a few folks as long as it has quarterback Major Harris.

provides an inviting target. Rembert is a deep threat who averaged 22.4 yards on his 23 receptions last season.

The Mountaineers are looking for help from senior Eugene Napoleon at tailback and either Rico Tyler or Aaron Evans at fullback.

Guards Dale Wolfley and Scott Parker, tackles Jack Linn and Matt Wracher and center Jeff Price are the likely starters on West Virginia's all-new offensive line.

The strength of the defense, which returns six starters, will be linebackers Chris Haering and Theron Ellis, the team's top tacklers last season. Tackle Mike Fox and noseguard Jim Gray anchor the front line, while safety Darrell Whitmore is the heart of the secondary.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Curley Hallman (10-2, 1 year).
1988 record: 10-2 (beat Texas-El Paso in Independence Bowl).
Key losses: Steve Brown, DE; Shelton Gandy, TB; James Henry, DB; George Hill, LB; Maurice Oliver, DE; Carlos Powell, TE; Vincent Rollins, S; Marty Williams, C.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Ben Crimm, G, 6-4/255, Jr.; Brett Favre, QB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Buddy King, T, 6-6/262, Sr.; Chafan Marsh, G, 6-0/250, Soph.; Eugene Rowell, WR, 6-2/175, Sr.; Chris Ryals, T, 6-8/265, Soph.; Darryl Tillman, WR, 6-0/180, Sr.; Reginald Warnsley, FB, 5-10/215, Sr. **Defense (5):** Simmie Carter, DB, 6-1/175, Jr.; Tony Pogue, LB, 6-1/215, Sr. (knee injury in spring); Chuck Sims, NG, 6-2/250, Sr.; Kerry Valrie, S, 5-10/185, Jr.; Toby Watts, T, 6-5/244, Sr.
Key returnees: Alan Anderson, LB, Soph.; Rickey Bradley, TB, Sr.; Scott Bryant, P, Soph.; Derrick Hoskins, CB, Soph. (switched from S); Thad McDowell, LB, Soph. (knee injury in spring); Tim Scott, LB, Soph.; Jim Taylor, K, Soph.; Alfred Williams, WR, Sr.; Kerry Williams, S, Sr. (switched from CB).
Top newcomers: Ron Baham, WR (Prop 48); Gerald Blake, TB (RS); Donnell Brannon, DT (Prop 48); Reggie Elder, LB; John Camancho, C (JC); Bobby Hamilton, LB; Tim Miller, TB (Prop 48); Anthony Owens, TE; Marcus Pope, TE; Tony Smith, WR (Prop 48); Pat Wynn, DB (Prop 48).
Schedule: Florida State (at Jacksonville, Fla.), Sept. 2; Mississippi State (at Jackson), Sept. 9; at Auburn, Sept. 16; at Texas Christian, Sept. 23; at Texas A&M, Sept. 30; Tulane, Oct. 7; at Louisville, Oct. 14; Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 21; at Memphis State, Oct. 28; at Alabama, Nov. 18; East Carolina, Nov. 25.
Site: Hattiesburg, Miss.

What can Curley Hallman do for an encore? In his first season as Southern Mississippi coach, Hallman led the Golden Eagles to a 9-2 regular-season record and a 38-18 Independence Bowl victory over Texas-El Paso. The 10-2 ledger matched the best ever produced by a Southern Miss team.

The 1989 Golden Eagles will miss the running of Shelton Gandy, the punt returns of talented James Henry and the team-leading 104 tackles of linebacker George Hill. But anybody who makes the assumption that Southern Miss will be down is sadly mistaken.

There's plenty of talent, starting with junior quarterback Brett Favre. "He just might be as good as any quarterback around," Hallman said.

Who's to argue? Favre set Southern Miss single-season records last fall in passing yardage (2,271), total offense (2,256) and touchdown passes (16) while completing 56 percent of his 319 throws with only five interceptions. He finished the regular season with a streak of 144 consecutive passes without an interception.

Favre will operate behind an experienced offensive line that returns two pretty good tackles in Buddy King and Chris Ryals as well as guards Ben Crimm and Chafon Marsh. Hallman needs only to find a center to replace Marty Williams.

Favre can hand off to tailback Rickey Bradley, the team's 1988 leading rusher with 665 yards, or throw to last year's top two receivers—Alfred Williams and Darryl Tillman.

There is more uncertainty on defense, where Hallman must replace six starters. But, again, there's no reason for panic.

Tackle Toby Watts and noseguard Chuck Sims return to the line, and Tony Pogue is the lone returnee at linebacker. The strength of the defense will be a secondary that includes talented cornerback Simmie Carter and safety Kerry Valrie.

Punter Scott Bryant, who averaged 40 yards per kick as a freshman, is a valuable weapon, as is Tillman, who will handle most of Southern Miss' kick-returning chores.

The Golden Eagles will be hard-pressed to match last season's success because of an ambitious schedule that includes Florida State, Auburn, Texas A&M and Alabama.

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BOSTON COLLEGE

Coach: Jack Bicknell (53-39-1, 8 years; 71-74-2 overall, 13 years).
1988 record: 3-8.
Key losses: Jim Bell, TB; Jon Bronner, FB; Jim Kwitchoff, OT; Eric Lindstrom, DE; Mark Murphy, DT; David Rooney, P; Mike Saylor, LB; Tom Waddle, SE; Doug Widell, OT; Steve Williams, CB; Joe Wolf, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Mark Anken, G, 6-2/272, Sr.; Marcus Cherry, WR, 5-10/179, Sr.; Mark Chmura, TE, 6-6/231, Jr.; Mark Kamphaus, QB, 6-1/187, Sr.; Mike Sanders, TB, 6-0/196, Sr.; Brian Schoenle, C, 6-3/272, Sr. **Defense (7):** Ed Duran, S, 5-10/175, Sr.; Chris Gildea, NG, 6-3/284, Sr.; Peter Gray, T, 6-3/240, Sr.; Rico Labbe, S, 6-0/214, Sr.; Kevin Pearson, E, 6-3/227, Sr.; Ron Perryman, LB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Brian Williams, CB, 6-0/189, Sr.
Key returnees: Jim Biestek, DT, Sr.; Ivan Caesar, DT, Sr.; Tim Frager, TB, Jr.; Tracy Giles, FL, Sr. (switched from TB); Ray Hilvert, FL, Sr.; Matt Kelley, LB, Sr.; Brian Lowe, K, Sr.; Greg Nardolillo, QB/S, Sr.; Mike Power, QB, Sr.; Mike Sanders, TB, Jr.; Bill Scavone, OG, Sr.; Ed Toner, FB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Bob Bicknell, TE (RS); Charlie Brennan, S (RS); Darrell Campbell, RB; Glenn Foley, QB; Mike Marinaro, DT (RS; switched from OG); Jay McGillis, DB; Bill Norcross, TE; Ted Page, TE/DT; Michael Panos, LB; Jason Swepson, RB (RS).
Schedule: Pittsburgh, Sept. 9; at Rutgers, Sept. 16; at Penn State, Sept. 23; at Ohio State, Sept. 30; Temple, Oct. 14; Navy, Oct. 21; West Virginia, Oct. 28; at Syracuse, Nov. 4; at Army, Nov. 11; Louisville, Nov. 18; at Georgia Tech, Nov. 25.
Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass.

After two straight losing campaigns, Boston College fans and Coach Jack Bicknell are anxious to re-establish the winning formula that helped the Eagles earn four bowl bids in a five-year period of the mid-1980s. And based on the return of 13 starters and good talent at the skill positions, such optimism may not be unfounded.

Bicknell's only real concern is whether he can plug some big holes on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Quarterback Mark Kamphaus returns to lead the offensive charge. Kamphaus led the Eagles in passing a year ago (1,323 yards and seven touchdowns) despite missing five games with a fractured jaw. He figures to throw a lot to talented wide receiver Marcus Cherry (37 catches for 717 yards) and tight end Mark Chmura, with tailback Mike Sanders doing the bulk of the rushing.

The offensive line is Bicknell's biggest question mark. Gone are tackles Doug Widell and Jim Kwitchoff and guard Joe Wolf, leaving center Brian Schoenle and guard Mark Anken to hold the fort.

The situation on the defensive line is similar. Tackle Mark Murphy and end Eric Lindstrom must be replaced, although returnee Ivan Caesar, a pass-rushing specialist, should help ease the pain.

The top man at linebacker will be Matt Kelley, who finished second on the team last season with 120 tackles. The secondary should be a strength with the return of safeties Rico Labbe and Ed Duran and cornerback Brian Williams.

Placekicker Brian Lowe, who holds virtually every Boston College kicking record, will be asked to handle punting chores as well.

ARMY

Coach: Jim Young (39-28-1, 6 years; 108-61-2 overall, 15 years).
1988 record: 9-3 (lost to Alabama in Sun Bowl).
Key losses: Earnest Boyd, DB; Mike Braun, OT; Frank Brunner, C; Dan Cooney, NG; Greg Gadson, LB; Bill Gebhards, OG; Mike Karsonovich, OT; Troy Lingley, LB; Darryl Scherb, DB; Chuck Schretzman, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): Doug Baker, TE, 6-1/225, Jr.; Ben Barnett, FB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Calvin Cass, HB, 5-10/175, Jr.; Jack Frey, G, 6-3/253, Sr.; Sean Jordan, SE, 5-8/170, Sr.; Mike Mayweather, HB, 5-8/183, Jr.; Bryan McWilliams, QB, 5-11/180, Jr. **Defense (5):** Pat Davie, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Josh Haines, T, 6-4/245, Sr. (status questionable/back); Will Huff, T, 6-1/240, Sr.; O'Neal Miller, S, 6-0/170, Sr. (knee injury in spring); Mike Thorson, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.
Key returnees: Bert DeForest, LB, Sr.; Mark Epp, C, Jr.; Ed Givens, CB, Jr.; George Godfrey, LB, Sr.; Keith Havenstrite, K, Sr.; Rob Horn, TE, Sr. (RS); Tim Ladouceur, DT, Sr.; Anthony Noto, LB, Jr. (switched from FB; knee injury in spring); Edrian Oliver, HB, Soph.; Mike O'Toole, LB, Sr.; Greg Pease, P, Sr.; Bret Petkus, OT, Jr.; Carlton Rice, OT, Sr.; Steve Stark, S, Sr.; Bob Wagner, LB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Steve Chaloult, OG (JV); Percy Coard, CB (JV); Trey Gilmore, LB (JV); Willie McMillian, QB (JV).
Schedule: At Syracuse, Sept. 16; Wake Forest, Sept. 23; Harvard, Sept. 30; at Duke, Oct. 7; Holy Cross, Oct. 14; Lafayette, Oct. 21; Rutgers, Oct. 28; at Air Force, Nov. 4; Boston College, Nov. 11; Colgate, Nov. 18; Navy (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Dec. 9.
Site: West Point, N.Y.

Army Coach Jim Young puts on his poker face when talking about his offense.

"Our offense should be good," he says with a smile.

He's smiling because he has four aces in his backfield. Returning starters Mike Mayweather, Bryan McWilliams, Ben Barnett and Calvin Cass, with some help from their friends, were good enough to lead Army to a 9-2 regular-season record and a bowl berth last season.

Mayweather, a halfback, has been Army's leading rusher in each of the last two seasons. In 1988, he became the youngest player in Army history to gain 1,000 yards when he rushed for 1,022.

Mayweather's backfield mates have impressive credentials of their own. McWilliams, the quarterback, was the team's second-leading rusher with 749 yards, while Cass, another halfback, added 582. Barnett, the fullback and the lone senior in the backfield, gained 679 yards in the regular season and then added 177 more in Army's 29-28 Sun Bowl loss to Alabama.

The Cadets attempted only 61 passes last year, but Young wants to throw more "because we need to get the ball in Sean Jordan's hands." Jordan averaged 24.1 yards on 12 receptions last year.

Senior Jack Frey is the only returning starter on the offensive line, but Young has four other lettermen to fill the gaps.

The key to Army's success may be the defense. Only five starters return, and several players have been switched from offense to defense to provide depth.

Tackle Will Huff anchors the line, but linebacker should be the heart of the defense with Pat Davie, Bob Wagner and Bert DeForest leading the way. In the secondary, the Cadets are looking for leadership—and interceptions—from free safety O'Neal Miller.

MEMPHIS STATE

Coach: Dan Coughlin (interim coach).
1988 record: 6-5.
Key losses: Reid Bennett, OG; Marlon Brown, LB; Randall Cooper, CB; Xavier Crawford, RB (will miss '89/personal reasons); James Cribbs, DT; Clarence Haver, LB; Mike Nettles, CB; Darrell Nicholson, OT; Greg Ross, DT; Keith Shirley, OT; Damon Young, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Keith Bland, G, 6-4/280, Jr.; Ray Craft, FL, 5-11/184, Sr.; Rodney Higdon, TE, 6-2/225, Sr.; Tim Jones, QB, 6-0/180, Sr.; Wayne Pryor, FB, 5-11/215, Sr.; Clark Stevenson, C, 6-2/255, Soph.; Gerald White, RB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Charles Wilson, WR, 5-10/175, Sr. **Defense (4):** Reggie Dubose, S, 6-1/205, Sr.; Tory Epps, NG, 6-1/270, Sr.; Carlos Hollowell, LB, 6-3/238, Jr.; Eddie Moore, S, 6-0/190, Sr.
Key returnees: John Butler, K, Sr.; Lee Butler, TE, Jr.; Marvin Cox, RB, Jr.; Jeff Fite, P, Jr.; Jeff Harris, DE, Soph.; Glenn Rogers Jr., CB, Soph. (switched from S); Scott Rumley, LB, Jr.; Steve Smith, CB, Jr.; John Stoddard, OG, Soph. (missed spring/knee); Rusty Trail, QB, Jr.; Andy Wood, C, Jr.
Top newcomers: Bobby Avery, LB (RS); Gary Bouldin, QB (RS); John Bush, WR (RS); Anthony Collins, CB (RS); Reginald Jones, CB (transfer/Arkansas); Michael King, DT (RS); Wade Lewis, LB (RS); James Maclin, OG (RS; switched from NG); Troy Thompson, DE (JC; switched from LB); Lish Trice, DE (JC).
Schedule: Mississippi, Sept. 2; Arkansas State, Sept. 9; at Alabama (at Birmingham), Sept. 16; Florida, Sept. 23; at Cincinnati, Sept. 30; Vanderbilt, Oct. 7; at Mississippi State, Oct. 21; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 28; at Tulane, Nov. 4; Louisville, Nov. 11; at Florida State, Nov. 18.
Site: Memphis, Tenn.

After a three-year improvement from 1-10 in 1986 to 6-5 last season under Coach Charlie Bailey, Memphis State appeared to have a program on the rise. But when the NCAA announced in the spring that it was investigating the school for the second time in three years, Bailey resigned and optimism was shrouded by scandal.

If the allegations about a player being overpaid for a summer job by a booster and a recruiting violation are found to be true, Memphis State will be at the NCAA's mercy. Any program that is found in violation of NCAA rules twice in a five-year period can be disbanded. Memphis State was penalized by the NCAA three years ago for violating rules on financial aid to student-athletes.

Defensive line coach Dan Coughlin was asked to step in on an interim basis and maintain order while the Tigers interviewed prospective head coaching candidates. The new coach will not be lacking for talent.

Eight starters return to an offense that averaged 345.5 yards and 20.5 points per game. The Tigers will be experienced at the skill positions with the only deficiency on a line that lost three starters.

Tim Jones and Rusty Trail both are experienced quarterbacks and should battle for the starting job. Gerald White and Marvin Cox return to handle tailback duties with Wayne Pryor back at fullback. Charles Wilson led the 1988 Tigers in pass

receiving while ranking among the national leaders in kick returns.

The Tigers will be young on defense but have a solid nucleus around which to build.

Noseguard Tory Epps and free safety Eddie Moore are the best of a unit that also returns starters Reggie Dubose at strong safety and Carlos Hollowell at linebacker. Cornerback Reginald Jones and ends Troy Thompson and Lish Trice are transfers who could provide immediate help.

EAST CAROLINA

Coach: Bill Lewis (first year at East Carolina; 13-21-1 overall, 3 years).
1988 record: 3-8.
Key losses: Shannon Boling, DT; Kyle Condrey, C; Tim James, FB; Ernie Logan, DE/LB; Flint McCallum, DB; Reggie McKinney, TB; Billy Michel, OG; Jarrod Moody, RB; Wade Perry, OL.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Todd Drugac, T, 6-1/289, Sr.; Travis Hunter, QB, 5-9/183, Sr.; Grant Lowe, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Stewart Southall, G, 6-0/261, Sr.; Al Whiting, WR, 6-0/162, Jr.; Walter Wilson, WR, 5-10/181, Sr. **Defense (8):** Mike Applewhite, T, 6-2/255, Sr.; Joe Bright, E, 6-3/220, Soph.; Chris Hall, CB, 6-2/185, Soph.; Robert Jones, LB, 6-3/215, Soph.; Junior Robinson, S, 5-9/178, Sr.; James Singletary, E, 6-2/227, Sr.; Anthony Thompson, LB, 6-1/229, Sr.; Ricky Torain, CB, 5-10/166, Sr.
Key returnees: Adrian Barnhill, LB, Soph.; Ed Brogdon, DB, Jr.; Ken Burnette, LB, Soph.; Tod Creech, OT, Jr.; Charles Freeman, TE, Sr.; Denell Harper, TB, Sr.; Joe Holmes, DT, Sr. (missed '88/disciplinary reasons); Shane Hubble, DT, Soph.; John Jett, P, Soph.; Willie Lewis, RB, Sr.; Charlie Libretto, QB, Sr.; Chad Martin, C, Jr.; Billy Maxwell, OG, Jr.; Mike McCalop, DT, Soph.; Brian McPhatter, LB, Sr.; Michael Rhett, FB, Soph.; Marc Washington, NG, Soph. (switched from LB).
Top newcomers: Joel Blackerby, K; David Blackwell, OT; Chad Grier, QB (transfer/Richmond); Rodney Jones, TE; Tim Moore, RB (may opt for pro baseball).
Schedule: Bowling Green State, Sept. 9; at Cincinnati, Sept. 16; Illinois State, Sept. 23; Louisiana Tech, Sept. 30; at South Carolina, Oct. 7; Virginia Tech, Oct. 21; at Syracuse, Oct. 28; at Miami (Fla.), Nov. 4; Temple, Nov. 11; at Pittsburgh, Nov. 18; at Southern Mississippi, Nov. 25.
Site: Greenville, N.C.

It's been a while, but Bill Lewis finally got his second chance and jumped at the opportunity. After watching his Wyoming teams compile a 13-21-1 record in three seasons, Lewis moved to Georgia and spent nine seasons as an assistant under Vince Dooley, eight as defensive coordinator. He will begin anew this season as the head man at East Carolina.

The 47-year-old Lewis knows he could be facing some tough times, but he's optimistic he can lift the Pirates back to respectability.

"We'll be a running team out of the I-formation," Lewis said. "It'll basically be a tailback-oriented game. But we want to be two-dimensional and have balance. You have to be able to throw the football from any place on the field."

Before worrying about his offense, however, Lewis faces a major reconstruction job defensively. Eight starters return, but the 1988 Pirates, in stumbling to a 3-8 record, surrendered 389.6 yards and 29.5 points per game.



East Carolina has plenty of offensive talent returning, including quarterback Travis Hunter.

Tackle Mike Applewhite is the defensive anchor up front, but the Pirates' strength is at linebacker, where Anthony Thompson and Brian McPhatter, East Carolina's top tacklers last season, roam. Safety Junior Robinson and cornerback Chris Hall accounted for eight of East Carolina's 16 interceptions.

There is plenty of returning offensive talent.

Quarterbacks Travis Hunter and Charlie Libretto split time last season, and Willie Lewis and Michael Rhett are capable ballcarriers. The offensive line will feature three strong returnees—tackles Grant Lowe and Todd Drugac and guard Stewart Southall. Al Whiting and Walter Wilson return as the starting wide receivers.

TULANE

Coach: Greg Davis (5-6, 1 year).
1988 record: 5-6.
Key losses: Doug Adams, DB; Melvin Adams, FB; Jim Bishop, OT; Richard Harvey, LB; Rodney Hunter, FB; Terrence Jones, QB; Kent Lattimore, OG; Maurice Nelson, FL; John Ripoll, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Jerome McIntosh, WR, 6-1/184, Sr.; Michael Pierce, TB, 5-8/205, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Fred Plunkett, G, 6-2/267, Sr.; Darin Shoulders, T, 6-3/273, Jr. **Defense (9):** Leroy Brown, E, 6-3/246, Jr.; Lenzer Burton, LB, 6-1/194, Jr.; Lonnie Marts, LB, 6-2/216, Sr.; Vincent Mulmore, LB, 6-0/235, Sr.; Mitchell Price, CB, 5-11/171, Sr.; Mike Riley, CB, 5-11/171, Jr.; Richard Sauter, T, 6-3/277, Sr.; Mark Thornhill, S, 6-0/175, Soph.; Andy Treadway, T, 6-4/256, Jr.
Key returnees: Stanley Barre, FB, Soph.; Ray Benford, DE, Soph.; Corey Dowden, CB, Soph. (RS; missed spring/knee); Chuck Gorman, TE, Jr. (RS); Deron Smith, QB, Jr.; Pat Stant, LB, Jr.; Terrence Strickland, TB, Soph.; James Toney, FL, Sr.; Preston Washington, CB, Sr. (RS; missed most of '87, '88/knee); Todd Wiggins, K, Sr.; Jerome Woods, QB, Soph.
Top newcomers: Derwin Antoine, RB; Harold Dennis, FB; Tim Duncan, C (JC).
Schedule: At Hawaii, Sept. 2; Rice, Sept. 9; Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 16; at Florida State, Sept. 23; Iowa State, Sept. 30; at Southern Mississippi, Oct. 7; Mississippi, Oct. 21; at Virginia Tech, Oct. 28; Memphis State, Nov. 4; at Mississippi State, Nov. 11; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 18; Louisiana State, Nov. 25.
Site: New Orleans.

Tulane has been known for its high-powered offense in recent years, but that may change now that quarterback Terrence Jones and much of his offensive line have departed.

"You have to remember that we're coming off three seasons when we were one, two and four in Tulane history offensively," second-year Coach Greg Davis said. "We're not going to be as explosive, but I think we can be effective."

Either Deron Smith or Jerome Woods will step in at quarterback. There is talent, depth and inexperience in the offensive backfield. Michael Pierce and Terrence Strickland should battle for the tailback spot, while Stanley Barre and Harold Dennis will fight for the starting fullback job.

Tight end Chuck Gorman will be coming back from a knee injury and Jerome McIntosh, the Green Wave's leading receiver last season, will return for pass-catching duties. The only experienced offensive linemen are guard Fred Plunkett and tackle Darin Shoulders.

The good news is that nine starters return on defense. The bad news is that these are the same guys who have allowed opposing offenses to average more than 30 points in each of the last two seasons.

Tackles Richard Sauter and Andy Treadway, linebackers Vincent Mulmore and Pat Stant and backs Mark Thornhill and Mike Riley are the players Davis will look to for big improvement.

TULSA

Coach: David Rader (4-7, 1 year).
1988 record: 4-7.
Key losses: Dennis Byrd, DT; Darrell Ellison, DE; Edward Epps, DB; Tyson Garner, S; Erick Harrison, FL; Chris Hilberth, OT; Earl Johnson, DE; Chris Kaiser, OG; Donnie Maloney, TB; Glenn Murray, LB; Richard Stephens, OT.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Brett Adams, FB, 5-11/223, Jr.; Dan Bitson, SE, 6-2/184, Jr.; Pat Harper, C, 6-1/265, Sr.; Wes McCalip, G, 6-3/285, Jr.; T.J. Rubley, QB, 6-4/198, Jr.; Gary Treat, TE, 6-3/240, Sr. **Defense (6):** Craig Anderson, DB, 6-0/180, Sr.; Eric Barrs, DB, 6-1/184, Jr.; Kirk Fridrich, NG, 6-4/260, Jr.; Matt Luke, LB, 6-3/226, Sr.; Dan Tarabrella, T, 6-3/252, Jr.; Derrick Williams, LB, 6-1/214, Jr.
Key returnees: Eric Bennett, LB, Sr.; John Chargois, DT, Sr.; Chris Fancher, OT, Jr.; David Fuess, K, Sr.; Curtis Gooden, TB, Soph.; Archie Malloy, FL, Jr.; Marcus McVay, FL, Sr.; Jerry Ostroski, OT, Soph.; Mike Rosson, DT, Sr.; Richard Wales, DE, Jr.; Mike White, LB, Soph. (RS); Lenny Williams, S, Sr.
Top newcomers: Mark Brus, TB, Jr. (transfer/Alberta, Canada); Paul Knotts, DB (JC); Sidney Prince, LB (JC).
Schedule: At Texas-El Paso, Sept. 2; Oklahoma State, Sept. 9; at Arkansas, Sept. 16;

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New Mexico, Sept. 23; at Iowa, Sept. 30; at Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 7; New Mexico State, Oct. 14; Louisville, Oct. 21; at Louisiana Tech, Oct. 28; at Wake Forest, Nov. 11; Bowling Green State, Nov. 18.
Site: Tulsa.

The last two seasons have not been kind to the University of Tulsa. The Golden Hurricane, former kingpin of the Missouri Valley Conference, has struggled to 3-8 and 4-7 records the last two years after a solid first season (1986) as an independent.

But the tide may be turning. Second-year Coach David Rader, a former football hero at Tulsa, has brought respect and much-needed stability to the job.

Rader has good reason for optimism in 1989. Last year's 4-7 mark easily could have been turned around had Tulsa not let Arkansas, Louisville and Memphis State escape with late victories.

"We have a lot of young guys that are improving," Rader said. "We've closed the gap with a couple of good recruiting years. These are guys who have good attitudes and believe they can win."

Tulsa's offense averaged 380.8 yards and 23.1 points per game last season, and it figures to be better in '89.

Quarterback T.J. Rubley threw for 2,497 yards and 17 touchdowns. Although inconsistent, he showed flashes of brilliance, like his 380-yard, three-touchdown performance against Arkansas. Rubley's primary target was Dan Bitson, who returns after catching 52 passes for 1,138 yards and nine touchdowns.

The running game depends heavily on fullback Brett Adams, who finished the season by rushing for 100 or more yards in his last three games.

The coaching staff concentrated all spring on instilling a more aggressive, swarming defensive style. The Golden Hurricane is deep at linebacker and in the secondary, but the line was decimated by the loss of tackle Dennis Byrd and ends Earl Johnson and Darrell Ellison.

Eric Barrs and Craig Anderson are solid cornerbacks, Matt Luke and Derrick Williams return at linebacker, and noseguard Kirk Fridrich and tackle Dan Tarabrella will try to pick up the slack along the front wall.

SW LOUISIANA

Coach: Nelson Stokley (18-15, 3 years).
1988 record: 6-5.
Key losses: Melvin Barber, TE; Willie Culpepper, WR; Greg Eagles, LB; Chris Gannon, DE; Randy Guidry, LB; Mark Hall, DT; Theron Harrison, LB; Danny Henry, LB; Robert Johnson, NG; Thomas King, S; Steve McKinney, FB; Joe Redding, RB; Patrick Taylor, CB; Dwight Willis, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (9): P.D. Broussard, RB, 5-8/185, Jr.; Geoff LeJeune, RB, 5-9/182, Jr.; Quent McCollum, WR, 5-10/169, Jr.; Brian Mitchell, QB, 5-10/195, Sr.; Chip Morgan, C, 6-2/242, Jr.; Paul Norton, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; LaQuincy Phillips, T, 6-2/262, Jr. (switched to DT); Roderick Tripp, G, 6-0/258, Soph.; Keith Zimmerman, G, 6-1/266, Sr. (missed spring/broken ribs). **Defense (2):** Clifford Champ, LB, 6-1/235, Jr. (missed spring/wrist); Dexter Gatewood, E, 6-1/231, Sr.
Key returnees: Van Ray Alexander, S, Jr.; Keith Annulis, S, Sr.; Robert Arvie, DE, Jr. (switched from TE); Lamar Evans, LB, Jr. (RS); Luther Freeman, LB/TE, Soph.; Mike Lemoine, K, Jr.; Blake Meischen, NG, Jr.; Felton Parquet, FB, Jr.; Chip Rybolt, K, Soph.; Todd Scott, CB, Jr.; Corey Williams, WR, Jr.
Top newcomers: Louis Age, OT (Prop 48); James Atkins, DT (RS); Wayde Butler, RB (RS); Richard Carr, LB (transfer/Alabama State); Peter Hypolite, CB (Prop 48); Adam Johnson, OG (Prop 48); Terrance Matthews, NG (Prop 48); Anthony McDonald, CB (Prop 48); Jeff Miller, QB/FB (transfer/Nebraska); Keenan Thomas, RB (Prop 48); Terry Washington, DT (Prop 48).
Schedule: Louisiana Tech, Sept. 2; Central Michigan, Sept. 9; at Tulane, Sept. 16; at Rice, Sept. 23; at Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 30; Tulsa, Oct. 7; at Alabama, Oct. 14; at Southern Mississippi, Oct. 21; at Northern Illinois, Nov. 4; Lamar, Nov. 11; Arkansas State, Nov. 18.
Site: Lafayette, La.

Name the quarterback who was selected as Louisiana's offensive player of the year last season. If you guessed Tommy Hodson of Louisiana State or Terrence Jones of Tulane, you're wrong.

Give up?

Try Brian Mitchell, who enters his senior season at Southwestern Louisiana with 5,505 yards in total offense already to his credit. That's 2,024 rushing yards and 3,481 passing yards. Mitchell led the Ragin' Cajuns in rushing last fall with 743 yards and 15 touchdowns, and he passed for 1,807 yards and eight TDs.

"I don't know what else there is to say about him," Coach Nelson Stokley said. "He's just done it all for us. Hopefully, we've grown up enough where other people can take the pressure off him."

That goal shouldn't be unrealistic since eight starters return to an offense that averaged 26.9 points and 358.8 yards per game.

Tackle Paul Norton and guard Keith Zimmerman are standouts on a line that will be asked to give Mitchell time to work his magic. Running backs P.D. Broussard and Geoff LeJeune and receivers Quent McCollum and Corey Williams are well schooled in Southwestern's run-and-shoot offense.

But it's feast or famine because only two starters return to the defense—end Dexter Gatewood and linebacker Clifford Champ. Stokley will be maneuvering and making adjustments in an effort to find the right combinations.

Last year's club lost its last three games, but Southwestern Louisiana has posted three straight 6-5 campaigns and is finally getting well-earned national respect.

"We've put together something that's brought us some respect across the country," Stokley said. "All we can hope for is for that to continue."

TEMPLE

Coach: Jerry Berndt (first year at Temple; 44-54-3 overall, 10 years).
1988 record: 4-7.
Key losses: Pete Bernard, OG; Rich Gould, OG; Joe Greenwood, CB; Todd McNair, TB; Mike Palys, FL; Andy Pappalardo, DE; Chris Possenti, OT; Anthony Tezsla, LB; Jeff Thomas, LB; Carnell Washington, DE.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Matt Baker, QB, 6-0/175, Jr.; Dick Beck, C, 6-1/260, Jr.; Rich Drayton, SE, 6-1/195, Jr.; Ray Haynes, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Nelson Herrera, FB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Maurice Johnson, TE, 6-3/240, Sr.
Defense (5): John Armstrong, S, 6-2/210, Sr.; Mike Constantatos, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Willard Cooper, CB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Kenyatta Rush, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Loranzo Square, LB, 6-2/215, Sr.
Key returnees: Swift Burch, DT, Soph.; Gary Downing, LB, Soph. (RS); Fred Gunter, DB, Jr.; Craig Jackson, CB, Jr.; Victor Lay, QB, Sr.; Ed Liberati, P, Sr.; Kevin McCoy, WR, Jr.; Santo Stephens, LB, Soph.; Ventres Stevenson, TB, Sr.; Gary Thompson, OT, Jr.
Top newcomers: Efrain Cabrera, FB (RS); Brian Erwin, OG (RS); Tim Hull, LB (JC); Sam Jenkins, TB (RS); David Jones, S (JC); Dave Thomas, NG (JC).
Schedule: At Western Michigan, Sept. 2; Syracuse, Sept. 9; at Penn State, Sept. 16; at Virginia Tech, Sept. 23; at Houston, Sept. 30; Pittsburgh, Oct. 7; at Boston College, Oct. 14; Northern Illinois, Oct. 28; at Georgia, Nov. 4; at East Carolina, Nov. 11; Rutgers, Nov. 18.
Site: Philadelphia.

Attempting to rebuild a downtrodden program is nothing new for Jerry Berndt, who comes to Temple on the heels of similar jobs with DePauw, Pennsylvania and Rice. Some would claim that Rice's 0-11 record last season and current 18-game losing streak are indications that he was not successful.

"We didn't do what we wanted to do at Rice," he admitted. "We wanted to do it step by step, but we fell a little behind in building the program. An 0-11 record is a disaster, but we had a chance to win eight games late in the fourth quarter."

He paused, then added, "All I can say is that the Rice program was in shambles when I got there and is in much better shape now."

Berndt's track record was better at DePauw and Penn, where he turned weak teams into conference powers.

He is being asked to do the same for Temple, which compiled a 4-7 record last year and has produced only one winning season in the last nine.

Berndt is not totally deficient of talent. The Owls certainly have people who can run, catch and throw the football.

Wideout Rich Drayton and tight end Maurice Johnson are inviting targets. Ventres Stevenson is the tailback. Incumbent quarterback Matt Baker will be challenged by Victor Lay.

Fred Gunter, who may be the fastest player on the squad, was switched to cornerback from wide receiver.

"We're trying to get our best athletes on defense," Berndt said. "We have to be able to line up and stop people."

The defensive line is deep with Kenyatta Rush, Mike Constantatos and Swift Burch, and linebacker Loranzo Square is talented.

Although Berndt got a late start in the recruiting wars, he won a few battles. Linebacker Tim Hull, noseguard Dave Thomas and safety David Jones are junior college transfers who are expected to plug some holes.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Jerry Pettibone (18-25-1, 4 years).
1988 record: 7-4.
Key losses: Phil Foley, DE; Mike Higgins, LB; Mike Hollingshed, LB; Mike Manson, LB; Bob Montel, OG; Marshall Taylor, QB; Rodney Taylor, HB; Randall Townsel, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Kurt Cassidy, SE, 6-3/189, Jr.; Adam Dach, FB, 6-0/210, Soph.; Eugene Edmond, HB, 5-10/182, Soph.; Eric Fiene, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Joe Gucwa, G, 6-4/251, Sr.; Claude Royster, TE, 6-4/206, Jr.; Dan Smaha, G, 6-5/257, Sr.; Eric Wenckowski, C, 6-3/257, Jr. **Defense (6):** Rodney Akis, T, 6-0/237, Sr.; Cary Caliendo, E, 6-3/242, Jr.; Kevin Cassidy, S, 6-4/184, Jr.; Ron Delisi, LB, 5-11/220, Sr.; Ted Hennings, T, 6-4/267, Sr.; Brett Tucker, CB, 6-0/193, Sr.
Key returnees: Kevin Barry, QB, Soph.; Phil Bucaro, DT, Sr.; Mark Clancy, SE, Jr.; James Darby, QB, Sr.; Matt Golden, K, Soph.; Steve Henriksen, LB, Jr. (switched from FB); John Ivanic, K, Jr.; Erik Jensen, FB, Jr. (switched from LB); Eric Nelson, P, Sr.; Stacey Robinson, QB, Jr.; Brett Schroeder, HB, Soph.; Mike Strasser, HB, Jr.; Eric White, DT, Soph.
Top newcomers: Curtis Adams, S (Prop 48); Cory Blake, TE (Prop 48); Bart Geiser, QB; Dave Gulley, S (JC); Troy Hughes, S; Tyrone Isaac, HB (RS); Joe Jenkins, OG (RS); Tyrone Leverett, QB; Tom Osteen, DT (RS); Raymond Patterson, HB; Corey Ray, HB (JC); Rob Wagner, DE (RS).
Schedule: Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 2; at Nebraska, Sept. 9; at Kansas State, Sept. 23; Western Illinois, Sept. 30; Southern Illinois, Oct. 7; at Louisiana Tech, Oct. 14; Nevada-Las Vegas, Oct. 21; at Temple, Oct. 28; Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 4; Toledo, Nov. 11; at Cincinnati, Nov. 18.
Site: De Kalb, Ill.

The 1988 season was a real breakthrough for Northern Illinois. The Huskies' 7-4 record marked their first winning season in five years and matched their second-best mark since gaining major-college status in 1969. Along the way, they defeated Mid-American Conference champion Western Michigan and gained their first victory in 14 tries over a Big Ten Conference foe, defeating Wisconsin, 19-17.

Now fifth-year Coach Jerry Pettibone is looking for more of the same.

"This is the season to establish consistency," Pettibone said. "We want to show people that we can have that type of season on a regular basis."

The Huskies' 1989 fortunes well could depend on Pettibone's ability to find a replacement for wishbone quarterback Marshall Taylor, a four-year starter. That won't be easy because the talented Taylor, a.k.a. the Wishbone Wizard, left Northern Illinois as the school's all-time leading rushing quarterback while finishing No. 2 in career total offense (6,138 yards). Most of the Huskies' games went down to the wire last fall, so Taylor's backups saw little playing time.

Stacey Robinson figures to be No. 1 after backing up Taylor last season. James Darby and Kevin Barry also are in the picture. The winner of that race should benefit from a supporting cast that is long on experience.

Four starters return to the offensive line, fullback Adam Dach is back after rushing for 906 yards in his freshman campaign and leading receivers Kurt Cassidy and Mark Clancy are available.



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The defense, which allowed only 16.8 points per game in 1988, returns six starters, including inside linebacker Ron Delisi, the team's leading tackler for the last two seasons. Delisi will head a unit that also includes tackles Ted Hennings and Rodney Akis, end Cary Caliendo and backs Brett Tucker and Kevin Cassidy.

Pettibone will get plenty of mileage from a special-teams unit that includes talented placekicker John Ivanic and punter Eric Nelson.

VIRGINIA TECH

Coach: Frank Beamer (5-17, 2 years; 47-40-2 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 3-8.
Key losses: Todd Grantham, OT; Tom Hall, OG; Chris Henderson, C; Chris Kinzer, K.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Ralph Brown, TB, 6-3/228, Jr.; Phil Bryant, FB, 5-9/202, Soph.; Nick Cullen, FL, 5-11/170, Jr.; Will Furrer, QB, 6-3/194, Soph.; Brian McCall, TE, 6-3/238, Sr.; Skip Pavlik, T, 6-3/267, Sr.; Myron Richardson, SE, 5-11/203, Sr.; Glenn Watts, G, 6-3/275, Jr. **Defense (11):** Roger Brown, CB, 6-0/186, Sr.; Al Chamblee, E, 6-1/247, Jr.; Randy Cockrell, LB, 6-1/237, Sr.; John Granby, CB, 6-1/187, Jr.; Scott Hill, T, 6-3/274, Sr.; Jock Jones, LB, 6-3/212, Sr.; Sean Lucas, LB, 6-1/205, Sr.; Horacio Moronta, T, 6-1/281, Sr.; Scott Rice, S, 6-0/191, Sr.; Don Stokes, LB, 6-2/237, Sr.; Jimmy Whitten, E, 6-3/253, Jr.
Key returnees: Chris Baucia, P, Jr.; William Boatwright, OT, Soph.; Eugene Chung, OT, Soph.; Ernie Davis, OG, Sr.; Rich Fox, FB, Sr.; Jon Jeffries, TB, Jr.; Bobby Martin, LB, Sr.; Anthony Pack, DE, Soph.; Damien Russell, S, Soph.; Cam Young, FL, Sr. (switched from QB).
Top newcomers: Jeff Gallman, DL/TE; Jerome Preston, TE/LB; P.J. Preston, WR/DB; James Wilson, DE.
Schedule: Akron, Sept. 2; at South Carolina, Sept. 9; Clemson, Sept. 16; Temple, Sept. 23; at West Virginia, Oct. 7; Florida State, Oct. 14; at East Carolina, Oct. 21; Tulane, Oct. 28; Vanderbilt, Nov. 4; at Virginia, Nov. 11; at North Carolina State, Nov. 18.
Site: Blacksburg, Va.

Virginia Tech Coach Frank Beamer hopes it was a glimpse of the future. Before a boisterous homecoming crowd of 42,845, the Hokies used a strong defense to roll up a 21-10 halftime lead over undefeated South Carolina.

Only a flurry of Virginia Tech turnovers and three fourth-quarter field goals allowed the Gamecocks to pull out a 26-24 victory. It was a loss, but one Beamer believes helped his young team.

"For two years, we've played some of the best teams in the country," he said. "You become one of the best by playing the best, and that's what we hope to do in the future."

Beamer hopes that a year's worth of experience will provide a big boost for sophomore quarterback Will Furrer. The youngster completed 45.9 percent of his passes last season for 1,384 yards and six touchdowns, but was intercepted 16 times.

"Will did a lot of good things last year," Beamer said. "His problem was inconsistency, but experience has been his best teacher."

Furrer's top targets should be split end Myron Richardson, who caught 36 passes for 583 yards, and flanker Nick Cullen (24 for 271). The running game averaged just 148 yards, so more production from tailbacks Ralph Brown (514 yards) and Jon Jeffries (383) is necessary. The offensive line returns two starters at guard, converted tackle Skip Pavlik and Glenn Watts.

Virginia Tech returns all 11 of its defensive starters. The big men are 281-pound Horacio Moronta and 274-pound Scott Hill at the tackle slots. Moronta and Hill finished 1-2 in tackles last fall while recording seven sacks apiece.

The Hokies will have to replace a big weapon in placekicker Chris Kinzer. The leading candidate is redshirt freshman Mickey Thomas.

CINCINNATI

Coach: Tim Murphy (first year at Cincinnati; 15-8 overall, 2 years).
1988 record: 3-8.
Key losses: Chris Asbeck, DT; Marvin Bowman, S; Leonard Cry, FB; Bill Davis, SE; Greg Heitkamp, OG; Daryl Huber, TE; Pat Lavelle, OT; Al McKinney, RB; Roosevelt Mukes, FL; Donnie Robinson, LB; Art Sheffield, S; Andrew Stewart, DE; Tom Szabados, DT.
Starters returning: Offense (4): John Arena, G, 6-3/240, Soph.; Glenn Farkas, QB, 6-2/182, Jr.; Rob Hausfeld, T, 6-6/274, Sr. (missed spring/academics); Tom Lawson, C, 6-3/250, Jr. **Defense (5):** Jack Bruscianelli, LB, 5-11/238, Sr.; Jackie Cooper, CB, 5-9/174, Sr.; Ronnie Shannon, CB, 5-11/169, Soph.; John Thornton, E, 6-4/250, Jr.; Ron Traut, LB, 6-1/223, Sr.
Key returnees: Joe Abrams, TB, Soph. (switched from WR); Chris Carmon, C, Soph. (hand injury in spring); Jeff Fulop, FB, Soph. (switched from DE); Don Hoog, QB, Soph.; Richard Johnson, OT, Soph. (missed spring/knee); Sean McCarthy, OG, Soph. (back injury in spring); Phil Poirier, DT, Sr.; Kyle Stroh, LB, Jr.; Terry Strong, RB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Casey Boland, K (transfer/Indiana); Bobby Brown, RB (RS); Jim Carmon, OT; Jason Coppess, LB; Nate Dingle, LB; Don Houser, LB; Dave Patania, WR (Prop 48); Gary Reid, DT; Brian Schipani, QB (RS).

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Schedule: Rutgers, Sept. 2; East Carolina, Sept. 16; at Miami (O.), Sept. 23; at Louisville, Sept. 30; at Miami (Fla.), Oct. 7; Memphis State, Oct. 14; at West Virginia, Oct. 21; at Akron, Oct. 28; at Kentucky, Nov. 4; Morehead State, Nov. 11; Northern Illinois, Nov. 18.
Site: Cincinnati.

Tim Murphy means business. Shortly after he was named coach at Cincinnati in January, Murphy moved into the players' dormitory on campus. The better to get to know his players and easier access to his office, where he figured to be spending 18 hours a day.

Murphy, who directed his teams to a 15-8 record in the previous two seasons at Maine, has his work cut out for him. The Bearcats lost 13 starters and 29 lettermen from last year's 3-8 club, and the immediate future does not look bright. Five starters on the Bearcats' offensive and defensive lines completed their eligibility, as well as two of the top three running backs, both starting wide receivers and starting tight end Daryl Huber.

The Bearcats do return their top two tacklers from 1988—linebackers Jack Bruscianelli and Ron Traut —and two starters in their defensive secondary—cornerbacks Ronnie Shannon and Jackie Cooper.

Glenn Farkas and Don Hoog are experienced quarterbacks. They combined to throw 318 passes for 1,907 yards last season. But the only other returning offensive starters are center Tom Lawson, guard John Arena and tackle Rob Hausfeld.

Farkas and Hoog should get a good workout in 1989 because Murphy is known for his wide-open style of play. Murphy's 1988 Maine team finished 13th in Division I-AA passing and fifth in total offense.

LOUISIANA TECH

Coach: Joe Raymond Peace (4-7, 1 year).
1988 record: 4-7.
Key losses: Johnny Bishop, OT; Ross Downs, OG; Conroy Hines, QB; Lifford Jackson, FL; Anthony Moore, DT; David Perez, C; Courtney Wallace, DT; Mike Williams, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (6): Paul Cannaday, TE, 6-1/226, Sr.; Derrick Douglas, RB, 5-10/208, Sr.; Glenn Hunt, T, 6-4/230, Soph.; Michael Richardson, FB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Bobby Slaughter, SE, 5-10/166, Jr.; Trey Snodgrass, C, 6-1/263, Jr. (switched from G). **Defense (8):** James Jones, CB, 5-10/187, Sr.; Demise Loyd, S, 5-11/175, Soph.; Eldonta Osborne, LB, 6-2/217, Sr.; Glenell Sanders, LB, 6-0/227, Sr.; Warren Seay, CB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Michael Slaughter, S, 5-11/194, Sr.; Tony Smith, E, 6-1/237, Sr.; Mike Wood, E, 6-5/245, Sr.
Key returnees: Lorenza Baker, S, Soph. (switched from LB); Gene Johnson, QB, Soph.; Howard McMahan, DT, Soph.; David Priddy, RB, Jr.; Matt Stover, K, Sr.; Pat Wilson, LB, Soph. (switched from S).
Top newcomers: Brad Boozer, P (JC); Sean Fisher, QB (JC); Jerald Kennedy, WB (RS); Dwight Nichollos, CB (JC); Billy Walker, TE (JC).
Schedule: At Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 2; at Western Michigan, Sept. 9; at Florida, Sept. 16; at East Carolina, Sept. 30; at Akron, Oct. 7; Northern Illinois, Oct. 14; at Arkansas State, Oct. 21; Tulsa, Oct. 28; Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 4; at Auburn, Nov. 11.
Site: Ruston, La.

The newest addition to the ranks of Division I-A independents is Louisiana Tech, which moves up this season after a 1988 schedule that included eight I-A opponents.

Fourteen starters return from last year's 4-7 club, including the entire defensive secondary and talented linebackers Glenell Sanders and Eldonta Osborne. Coach Joe Raymond Peace also believes he has an All-America candidate in placekicker Matt Stover.

To aid in the transition, Peace has brought in several highly regarded junior college players to supplement his returning talent. One, Sean Fisher of Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, should challenge Gene Johnson for the starting quarterback job.

Peace's other offensive weapons include split end Bobby Slaughter and running backs Derrick Douglas and Michael Richardson.

Louisiana Tech, which plays only 10 games this year because of a late scheduling conflict with Northwestern (La.) State, will test its mettle when it travels to Florida and Auburn.

NAVY

Coach: Elliot Uzelac (5-17, 2 years; 43-56 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 3-8.
Key losses: Luther Archer, HB; Jim Chatfield, DB; Ted Fundoukos, K; Tim Hofacre, OG; Troy Holland, DL; Carl Jordan, FL; Bert Pangrazio, FB; Mark Pimpo, LB; Kevin Voss, TE; Ray Worthington, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): James Bradley, HB, 5-9/191, Sr.; Bob Friedman, C, 6-1/230, Jr.; Alton Grizzard, QB, 6-0/188, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Greg Hlatky, T, 6-5/258, Jr.; Mike Kircher, T, 6-2/250, Sr.; Mike Maier, G, 6-2/275, Sr.; Deric Sims, FB, 5-11/212, Jr. **Defense (7):** Daron Fullwood, S, 5-10/205, Sr.; Chris Graham, MG, 6-0/261, Jr.; Andy Kirkland, T, 6-0/240, Jr. (status questionable/back injury in spring); Bart LaRocca, S, 5-10/188, Jr.; David Lowe, LB, 6-2/209, Sr.; Scott Prinz, T, 6-5/240, Sr. (knee injury in spring); Steve Tazza, CB, 6-0/186, Sr.
Key returnees: Dave Berghult, TE, Jr. (knee injury in spring); Bill Bowling, LB, Jr.; Jim Kirk, LB, Sr.; Beau Laskey, LB, Soph. (shoulder injury in spring); B.J. Mason, QB, Soph.; Gary McIntosh, QB, Jr.; Bob Weissenfels, S, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder).
Top Newcomers: Don Ferraro, FB (knee injury in spring).
Schedule: Brigham Young, Sept. 16; The Citadel, Sept. 23; at North Carolina, Sept. 30; Air Force, Oct. 7; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 14; at Boston College, Oct. 21; James Madison, Oct. 28; at Notre Dame, Nov. 4; Syracuse, Nov. 11; at Delaware, Nov. 18; Army (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Dec. 9.
Site: Annapolis, Md.

Navy won only three games last season and faces a 1989 schedule that includes Notre Dame, Syracuse, Brigham Young and Pittsburgh, not to mention that bully on the Hudson—Army. So why so much confidence?

"We're a better team than we were last year," Coach Elliot Uzelac said. "There's no question about that."

Despite a schedule that Uzelac describes as "maybe our toughest in the last decade," such optimism may not be unfounded. The Midshipmen return 14 starters—seven each on offense and defense—and a number of talented sophomores figure to increase competition and add depth.

One highly regarded newcomer is sophomore quarterback B.J. Mason, who is pushing incumbent Alton Grizzard and junior Gary McIntosh. Grizzard, who has started 15 of Navy's last 22 games, led the team with 633 yards rushing last fall—a school record for quarterbacks.

Senior tackle Mike Kircher is the top name on a line that returns four starters. Halfback James Bradley (358 yards) and fullback Deric Sims (321) are well schooled in the Middies' wishbone offense.

Defensively, Navy plans to line up more often in a 5-2 alignment rather than last year's 4-3, in part because of more experience at outside linebacker. David Lowe is the top gun at that position. Junior Andy Kirkland figures to be the team's top defensive lineman if he can recover from a spring back injury, and last year's leading tackler, Bob Weissenfels, returns to the secondary.

AKRON

Coach: Gerry Faust (16-17, 3 years; 46-43-1 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 5-6.
Key losses: Carlos Barrow, LB; John Buddenberg, OT; Shawn Fagan, OG; Robert Lyons, S; Gary Tyler, CB.
Starters returning: Offense (8): Tracy Ellerbe, WR, 6-1/186, Sr.; Mike Johnson, QB, 6-3/190, Sr.; Kurt Latell, TE, 6-3/225, Sr.; Doug Lewis, TB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Mike O'Connor, G, 6-1/250, Soph.; Bob Singletary, FB, 5-11/220, Sr.; Jon Susi, C, 6-2/260, Sr.; Leonard Thomas, FL, 5-10/175, Sr. **Defense (8):** Scott Brown, NG, 6-2/240, Jr.; Steve Englehart, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Pierce Joiner, E, 6-0/260, Sr.; Terry Mays, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Mike Rahach, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Shawn Vincent, S, 5-11/170, Jr.; Curtis Williams, LB, 6-5/220, Sr.; Shannon Wolfe, CB, 5-11/185, Jr.
Key returnees: Derek Alston, TB, Sr.; Bob Dombroski, K, Sr.; Dave Feather, OT, Sr.; Brian Hilk, LB, Jr.; Juan Howell, TE, Jr.; Brett Jackson, OG, Soph. (switched from OT); Andy Kubik, QB, Sr.; Tim Marconi, OT, Sr.; Al McCann, OG, Jr.; Stacy Parris, OG, Sr.; Bill Rudison, P, Sr.; Brian Shertzer, LB, Sr.; Bob Smith, TE/C, Sr.
Top newcomers: Dirk Allen, FB (RS); Troy Campbell, TB (RS); Todd Finley, DB (transfer/Pittsburgh); Nigel Hoyte, OL (JC); Bruce Keys, QB (RS).
Schedule: At Virginia Tech, Sept. 2; Kent State, Sept. 9; at Central Michigan, Sept. 16; at Youngstown State, Sept. 23; at Bowling Green State, Sept. 30; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 7; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 14; Cincinnati, Oct. 28; Northern Arizona, Nov. 4; at Tennessee, Nov. 11.
Site: Akron, O.

If secondary coach Mike Woodford's off-season windfall is any indication, things will be looking up for the Zips in 1989. Woodford won a $15 million "Super Lotto" jackpot in the Ohio lottery. He decided to stay at Akron and help Coach Gerry Faust's Zips win a few football games.

The Zips made big strides in 1988 when they compiled a 5-6 record in only their third season of Division I-A competition.

Faust welcomes back an experienced

SCOUTING THE INDEPENDENTS

Best players: Blair Thomas, TB, Penn State; Tony Rice, QB, Notre Dame, and Major Harris, QB, West Virginia. These aren't just the three best players among the major independents; they're the best in the nation.

Best time to be an independent: Now. Just look at West Virginia last season. The Mountaineers got a shot at the national championship because they had gone undefeated against a slate that included only one team that would attend a bowl game. Schools with conference affiliations generally aren't that lucky.

Least likely to perform an encore: West Virginia. The Mountaineers lost a ton of talent and will be lucky to win seven games. If they played in the Pacific-10 or Southeastern Conference, they'd finish no higher than sixth this fall.

Best kamikazes: Steve Grant, LB, West Virginia, and Corian Freeman, CB, Florida State. Grant and Freeman are vicious hitters, both at their respective positions and on special teams. Grant is considered the best linebacking prospect at West Virginia since Darryl Talley. Freeman has been inconsistent as a defender, but he puts fear in the hearts of kick returners.

Best addition: Bill Lewis, coach, East Carolina. Lewis will provide the Pirates with their best leadership to date. Working inside a fertile recruiting area, Lewis will have the Pirates back on the winning track within three years.

Best idea of the year: Akron returning to Division I-AA. The Zips' belief in Gerry Faust evidently caused the false notion that they are capable of competing with the big boys. They aren't.

Worst idea of the year: Louisiana Tech moving up to Division I-A. The Bulldogs struggled in Division I-AA. How do they expect to survive now?

Best independent matchups: Miami (Fla.) against Florida State and Notre Dame. These are can't-miss games. The Hurricanes have won and lost the national crown based on the outcome of these contests, and that could be the case again in 1989. The November 25 Hurricane-Fighting Irish contest will rank as the annual battle of the decade, while the October 28 Hurricane-Seminole clash will give Bobby Bowden the chance to avenge losses that have kept the Seminoles from reaching the top of the mountain. A split by Miami would give the Hurricanes another shot at the national crown.

Most underrated team: Southern Mississippi. The Golden Eagles have Top 20 talent and a schedule that will prohibit such a ranking. With Florida State, Mississippi State, Auburn and Texas A&M providing the competition in four of their first five games, they could be the best 1-4 team of the decade. By the same token, a split could lead to another bowl bid.

Most underrated players: Dan Bitson, SE, Tulsa, and Maurice Crum, LB, Miami (Fla.). Bitson is the best receiver in the country and a definite first-round draft pick in 1991. Crum is small for a linebacker (6-foot, 222 pounds), but he is intelligent and plays with reckless abandon.

Worst single loss: Darnell Dickerson, QB, Pittsburgh. With him, the Panthers were a likely Top 10 team. Without him, they'll have trouble cracking the Top 20.

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UNIT RATINGS

	OL	OB	WR	DL	LB	DB	SP
NOTRE DAME	B+	A+	B–	A	A	B+	B
MIAMI (Fla.)	B	B	B	A+	B	C+	B
FLORIDA STATE	B	B	A+	A–	B–	C+	C
SYRACUSE	A+	C	C+	B+	B	B	C+
PENN STATE	C+	A	C	C	B+	C	C+
PITTSBURGH	B–	B	A	A	B	C+	C+
RUTGERS	B–	B	C–	C	C+	C	C
LOUISVILLE	B–	C	B	C+	C+	C–	C
SOUTH CAROLINA	C	A	B	C	C–	C–	B
WEST VIRGINIA	C	B	C+	C	B+	C+	C
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	C+	C+	C+	C	C	C+	B–
BOSTON COLLEGE	C–	C+	C	C–	C+	C+	C+
ARMY	C–	A	C	C	C–	C	C–
MEMPHIS STATE	C–	C+	B–	C–	C	C+	B–
EAST CAROLINA	C	C–	C+	C	B–	C+	C+
TULANE	C	C	C+	C	C+	B–	C+
TULSA	C–	C+	C+	C–	C	C	C+
SW'ERN LOUISIANA	C	C+	C–	C–	C	C	C
TEMPLE	C–	C	C+	C	C	C	C+
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	C–	C–	C–	C	C	C	C+
VIRGINIA TECH	C–	C	C	C+	C	C	D
CINCINNATI	D+	C–	D	D	C	C	C
LOUISIANA TECH	D+	C–	C–	C–	C	C–	C
NAVY	D	C–	C–	C–	D	C–	C
AKRON	D	C–	C–	D	C–	D	C

Key to Abbreviations: OL—offensive line; OB—offensive backfield; WR—wide receivers; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; SP—specialists.

team that features battle-tested players at almost every position.

On offense, senior quarterback Mike Johnson hopes to improve on his '88 totals of 2,170 yards passing and 11 touchdowns. Leading rusher Doug Lewis and 1987 rushing leader Derek Alston return, as do the Zips' top three pass catchers and two starters on the offensive line.

Defensively, inside linebackers Steve Englehart and Mike Rahach both hit the 100 mark in tackles last season, and end Pierce Joiner is a four-year starter.

Akron's solid kicking game features punter Bill Rudison, whose career average of 41.6 is on track for a school record, and placekicker Bob Dombroski, who already holds school marks for career kick scoring (190 points) and career field goals made (40).

"We're really not that far away," Faust said. "Our improvement in 1988 was unbelievable, especially over the last five games." ■

DIVISION I-A

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Following are the stories of eight players, all standouts in their respective conferences, whose performances last season deserved much more recognition on a national scale than they actually received.

Percy Snow shows no mercy on Spartan foes

By JACK EBLING
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He is as solid as the steel his father produces and as clean as the shirts his mother launders. He is a middle-class success story and the class of the nation's middle linebackers.

"I've made it this far when a lot of people didn't think I would," said Michigan State All-America Percy Snow. "I've had to work for everything I've gotten. That's just the way I was brought up."

He was raised in a family of nine, the fifth of Hubert and Susie Snow's seven children. "There were seven kids in a three-bedroom house, so none of us were spoiled," Percy said. "But we never suffered."

Snow didn't play football until he was 12, held back by his mother's concern for his low blood pressure as a child. Once in high school, his grades became a source of concern to colleges otherwise interested in his skills as an all-state linebacker.

Some schools questioned whether Snow would hit the books half as hard as he had been hitting tailbacks for McKinley High School in Canton. Ohio State stayed away, fearful that Snow would be a Proposition 48 casualty.

"I'm glad Ohio State did back off," Snow said. "It kept them from wasting their time. I had no intention of ever going there, anyway."

Michigan State Coach George Perles suspected that Snow's suspect grades were misleading and offered him a chance to wear a "48" instead of becoming one.

"Maybe I wasn't a 3.0 student in high school," Snow said. "Maybe I wasn't the greatest scholar-athlete. But I was good enough to get an opportunity." And smart enough to make the best of it. In three years, Snow has posted nearly a 2.7 grade-point average and has declared a major in criminal justice.

To no one's surprise, his progress at middle linebacker has been phenomenal.

"He's another Jack Lambert," said Perles, a key assistant to Chuck Noll on the Pittsburgh Steeler teams that won four Super Bowls in the 1970s. "I can say that because I've seen them both. Percy unloads just like him."

A reserve as a freshman, Snow became a leader of Michigan State's "Gang Green" defense as a sophomore in 1987, helping the Spartans to an undefeated Big Ten Conference season, a victory over Southern California in the Rose Bowl and a No. 1 ranking nationally against the run. As a junior last season, Snow set a single-season school record with 164 total tackles and the Spartans visited the Gator Bowl, where a 34-27 loss to Georgia capped a 6-5-1 season.

"People have said I played a lot better as a sophomore, but I don't think so," Snow said. "As a sophomore, we won the Rose Bowl, and everybody looked good. Last year, we struggled at times, so nobody stood out.

"I really think I played better as a junior. I had the same number of interceptions (one) as the year before. And I had 30 or 40 more tackles."

But expectations had risen after he burst onto the scene and crowned his sophomore season by making 17 tackles and receiving the Player of the Game award in the Rose Bowl. "I was there to bring home a victory, not to win that award," Snow said. "I was kind of stunned. I always thought the MVP was a running back or a quarterback."

Yet this season, Snow has the chance to become the only player in Big Ten history —and the first one-way defender ever—to be twice named Rose Bowl MVP. "If I'm back there in a position to win it," he said, "I know we'll have had a good season."

If Snow has any kind of season, he'll vault from fifth to second place on Michigan State's career tackles list behind Dan Bass, one of the most instinctive Spartans ever and a star linebacker in the Canadian Football League since 1980. Snow has many of the same traits, plus an ability to separate passers, runners and receivers from the ball and their senses.

"I have a nose for the football," he said. "I have speed, strength and determination. And when I put a lick on them, I hit them as hard as I can."

Snow's toughest task is to hold back when a clean shot presents itself in practice.

"Snow's a savage out there," Michigan State defensive coordinator Norm Parker said. "He's so strong through the back and hips, and he has great explosive power."

That's just what Perles ordered for the unique defense he designed at Pittsburgh to stop the likes of O.J. Simpson. In the "Stunt 4-3," the middle linebacker sets up behind a tilted tackle, who draws the attention of the best-positioned blockers. That generally leaves the middle linebacker free for search-and-destroy missions.

"That position was just meant for him," Perles said. "There aren't many guys who can outrun him. And when he gets there, he really lights them up—boom!"

Blockers who do find Snow are met by a fierce forearm shiver or an explosive shedding blow.

"He's the best I've ever tried to block," said former Spartans offensive tackle Tony Mandarich, the No. 2 pick in the 1989 NFL draft. "I'm glad I only faced him once in a while in practice."

All that praise is heady stuff for a player already brimming with confidence. Those compliments haven't escaped Parker, who takes every opportunity to remind Snow the name is Percy, not Perfect.

"I know I'm not perfect, not even close," Snow said. "If I was, I wouldn't be here. The day I play a perfect game is the day I hang up my shoes.

"I can still improve on a lot of little things. I can work on my pass coverage. And I can develop my left side so it's just as strong as my right."

Snow also can take on more of a leadership role in his senior season. He and defensive tackle Travis Davis are the dominant figures, in personality as well as performance.

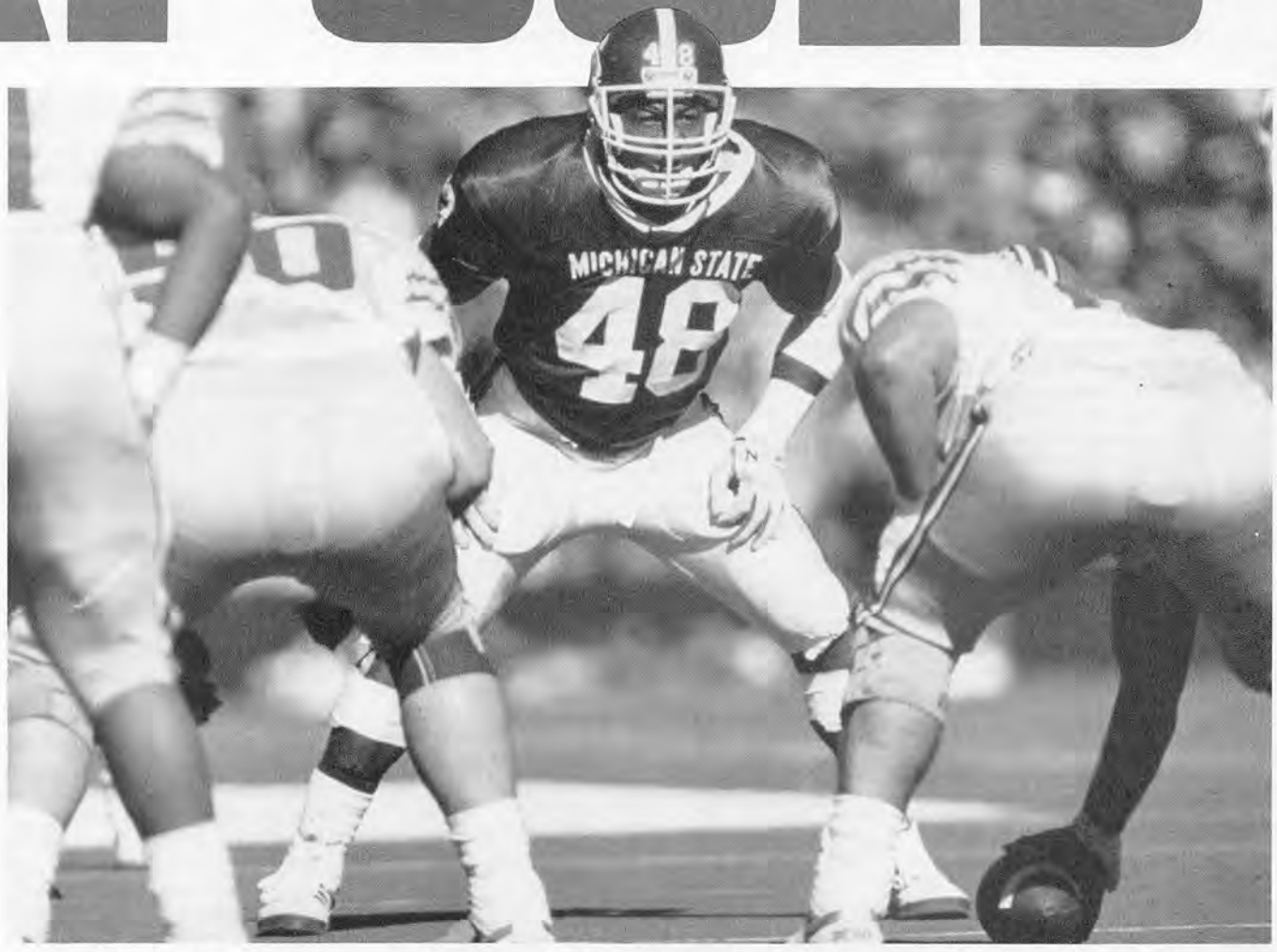
"I'm a linebacker, but I'd play fullback or even center if it meant we'd beat Michigan," Snow said. "Them and Notre Dame. They have great reputations. But they're not as good as they think."

Last season, both schools won by at least two touchdowns over the Spartans. Both are among the top five teams in the preseason rankings again. But Snow likes Michigan State's chances in those two games and 10 others this season, which means he's counting on a major bowl berth following a tough 11-game schedule.

"That's what leadership is—keeping things together and lifting people up," Snow said. "When someone makes a mistake, you don't dog him. You pat him on the butt."

Parker takes a different approach with Snow, ripping him for every error in practice and ribbing him about his semi-celebrity status. During spring drills, as Snow took a phone call from a writer in Pitts-

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Michigan State linebacker Percy Snow has been compared to Jack Lambert because he "unloads just like him."

burgh, Parker wrote on the chalkboard: "Snow—more interviews than tackles."

"It's nice to be interviewed, to be the center of attention," Snow said, chuckling at Parker's prank. "But talk is cheap. You have to speak with your actions. You have to back it up. You can't go out and lay an egg."

Though he'll never be confused with Ahmad Rashad, Snow has progressed from being apprehensive as a freshman to fairly quotable. "I didn't like to do interviews at first," he said. "I didn't know how to do them. But I never had anything to hide. I was basically just me."

And just who is that? The bonecrusher on Saturday afternoons, or the cordial soul the remainder of the week?

Probably a little of both. Snow will shake your hand at every opportunity, but he won't shake at the prospect of a physical challenge. "I'm one of the nicest guys off the field," Snow said. "I don't go around bullying people. I just try to hold my own.

"People always say things. But the older I get, the better I am at walking away from that stuff. I'd always been taught to stand my ground. Now, I can let some things slide."

Snow's two exceptions? When someone gets in his face with a reference to his family, and whenever a member of the Spartan football family is hassled. "Especially if it's someone on the scout team (who's harassed), a walk-on," he said. "They're the ones who give us a chance to be what we are. They're out there every day, working their butts off for us."

Snow respects that dedication, which often goes overlooked by the harsher critics of big-time college football.

"Look, some people just don't like football players," he said. "Maybe they're jealous. But what do we get that they don't? Dinner at training table and our education paid for. We work for that. And we don't have it any easier in school."

Indeed, Snow contradicts the image many hold of the major college football star. Where other BMOCs sport more rings than the Olympic Games, Snow's fashions lean toward sport shirts, jeans and a basic jacket, sans the gold jewelry. His ego doesn't need that kind of stroking.

"I never grew up with gold, and I really don't need it," he said. "It might look good to the women, but it doesn't make you a good football player."

Six Spartans have been good enough to be first-round picks in the NFL draft in the last six years. Barring the unforeseen, Snow could make it seven in seven. Entering his final year as a Spartan, his wish list includes a return trip to the Rose Bowl, the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and, of course, a chance to help out his mother and father.

"It's important for me to take care of my mother and make her proud of me," he said. "I want her to see me make it."

In one respect, Snow already has. Not as a student of the game, which he admittedly is, but as the successful college student some never thought he'd be. ■

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Ken Clark joins ranks of great Husker I-backs

By MIKE BABCOCK
Lincoln Journal-Star

Ken Clark couldn't have picked a worse year to hit the big time. He had one of the greatest rushing seasons in Nebraska history in 1988, but it happened to coincide with Barry Sanders' merciless assault on the NCAA record book.

Not surprisingly, nobody noticed Clark.

Clark, a 5-foot-9, 200-pound I-back, rushed for 1,497 yards as a junior last fall, a total surpassed at Nebraska only by 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, who did it twice. Such great Cornhusker I-backs as Roger Craig, Jarvis Redwine, Doug DuBose, Jeff Smith and Keith Jones never ran for that many yards in a season. Clark ranked second in the Big Eight Conference (behind Oklahoma State's Sanders, of course) and fifth in Division I-A in rushing, averaging 6.5 yards per carry and 124.8 yards per game, and he scored 12 touchdowns.

And yet, Clark received first-team All-Big Eight recognition only from the Associated Press. Big Eight coaches and United Press International picked Colorado's Eric Bieniemy along with Sanders, the 1988 Heisman winner.

"Ken didn't get the recognition you'd normally see (for such a season)," said Frank Solich, Nebraska's running backs coach. "He had probably as quiet a 1,500 yards as you're going to see."

Clark certainly was lost in the shadow cast by Sanders last season, but it wasn't the first time he was overlooked. He was a member of Nebraska's highly touted 1985 recruiting class, which included Broderick Thomas, LeRoy Etienne and Steve Taylor, but Clark got little recognition. In fact, the consensus was that his class lacked an impact I-back.

Although Nebraska recruited Clark as an I-back, some consideration was given to trying him at defensive back.

"We felt he could be a good defensive back, too," Cornhuskers Coach Tom Osborne said. "But we thought of him more as a running back."

Clark alternated at I-back on an undefeated freshman team in 1985, averaging 5.8 yards per carry. He was solid, but unspectacular. After being redshirted in 1986, Clark then rushed for 344 yards in the first eight games of the '87 season before being sidelined with a knee strain. After three years in Lincoln, Clark had done nothing to distinguish himself.

He also had an attitude problem. He was sullen, his play was inconsistent, he didn't concentrate at times and he let seemingly minor injuries bother him.

For a while, Clark got to thinking that maybe Nebraska "wasn't the place I was supposed to be," he said. "I got kind of negative. I missed practices. I missed meetings. I felt like I was in the Army or something and had to be here."

Clark got things turned around before last season when he decided to make football his "Number 1 priority." He spent the summer in Lincoln lifting weights and running, often arriving on campus at 9 a.m. and not leaving before 8 p.m.

Still, Clark was not guaranteed the starting I-back job heading into his junior season. He had to beat out senior Tyreese Knox and redshirt sophomore Terry Rodgers, but Knox slipped from the picture because of hamstring problems and Rodgers was lost to a knee injury five games into the season. By that time, Clark had become the No. 1 I-back.

It wasn't until midway through the season, however, that Clark really started to sparkle. On October 15 against Oklahoma State, Clark broke away from three tacklers on his first carry and ran 73 yards to score. Osborne called that run "one of the greatest I've seen."

Less than six minutes into the first quarter, Clark suffered a foot injury while scoring another touchdown. But he stayed in the game, scored a third touchdown and wound up rushing for a career-high 256 yards—67 yards more than Sanders gained in that game as the Cornhuskers prevailed, 63-42.

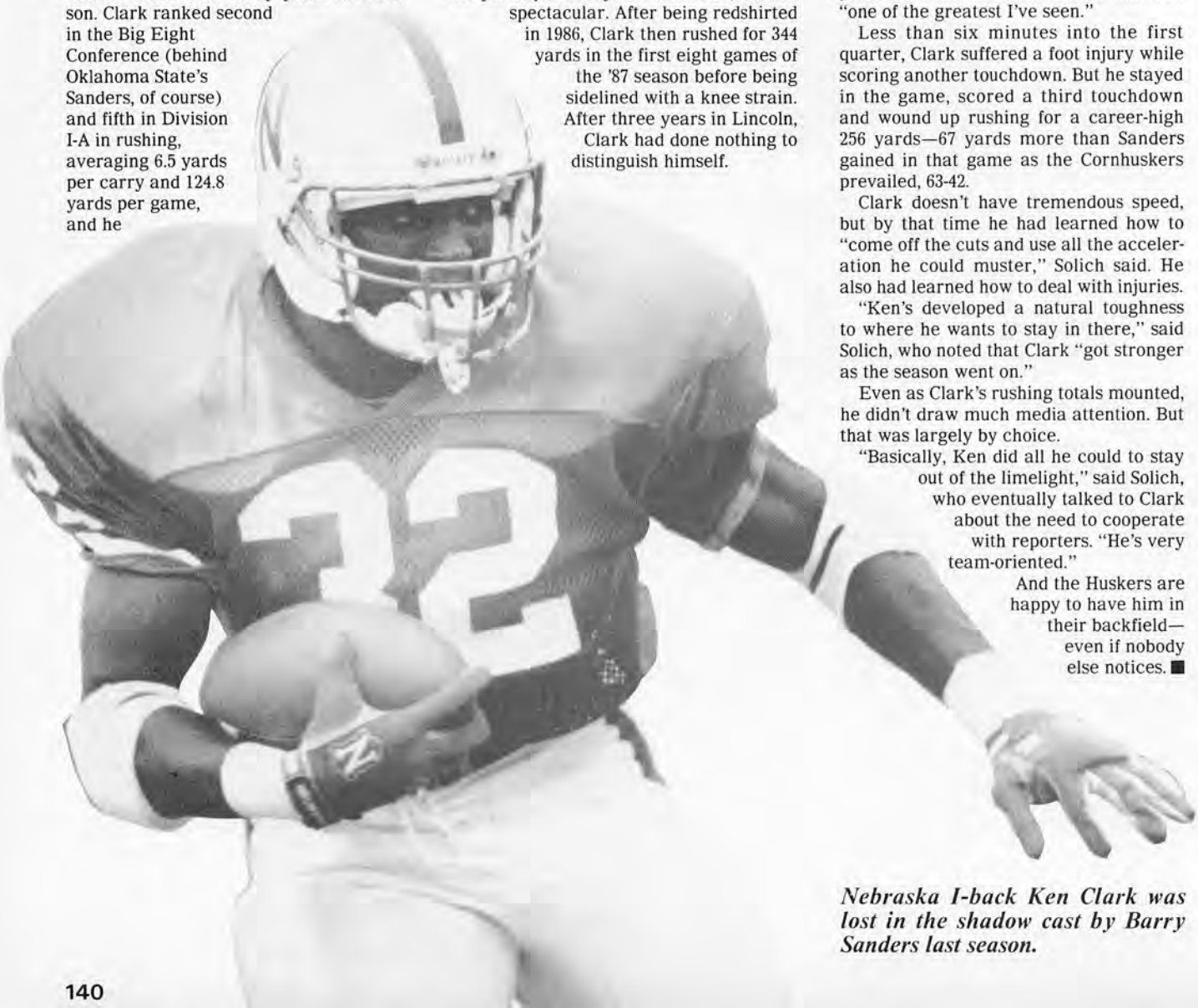
Clark doesn't have tremendous speed, but by that time he had learned how to "come off the cuts and use all the acceleration he could muster," Solich said. He also had learned how to deal with injuries.

"Ken's developed a natural toughness to where he wants to stay in there," said Solich, who noted that Clark "got stronger as the season went on."

Even as Clark's rushing totals mounted, he didn't draw much media attention. But that was largely by choice.

"Basically, Ken did all he could to stay out of the limelight," said Solich, who eventually talked to Clark about the need to cooperate with reporters. "He's very team-oriented."

And the Huskers are happy to have him in their backfield—even if nobody else notices. ■



Nebraska I-back Ken Clark was lost in the shadow cast by Barry Sanders last season.

Indiana's good fortune is quarterback without fame

By BOB HAMMEL
Bloomington (Ind.) Herald-Times

Dave Schnell's first brush with obscurity came when he least expected it.

He was a high school senior in Indiana then, projected to be among the nation's top prep quarterback prospects in the class of 1984. He had earned all-state recognition as a junior, completing 60 percent of his passes for nearly 2,000 yards at Elkhart Central High School.

Schnell had a big senior season, passing for 1,940 yards and 22 touchdowns—and was totally overshadowed. Rising forth in the state's heartland, a junior phenom named Jeff George passed for more than 3,300 yards at Warren Central High School in suburban Indianapolis, dominating attention within the state and, consequently, the national rankings.

Schnell still was recruited as a prep star and enrolled at Indiana, which had finished 0-11 that '84 season, its first under Coach Bill Mallory.

Mallory would preach patience to his home-state recruiting prize. While Schnell sat out the 1985 season as a redshirt, George became the top high school player in America. He opened the 1986 season as Purdue's starting quarterback while Schnell, once a year ahead of George, sat and waited for his chance, No. 2 on the Indiana depth chart.

In the eighth game, after three straight Indiana losses, Schnell was given his first starting assignment. He passed for one touchdown and ran for two that day, helping the Hoosiers to a 21-7 victory over Wisconsin. But the big story belonged to another freshman making his first start, running back Anthony Thompson, who rushed for 207 yards to shatter a Big Ten Conference freshman record set by Alan Ameche at Wisconsin.

The spotlight has stayed on Thompson, deservedly, ever since. Last season, he was a consensus All-America and ranked third among Division I-A runners with 1,546 rushing yards. The second-leading scorer as well (13.1 points per game), Thompson scored 26 touchdowns, including two in the Liberty Bowl, to tie a single-season Big Ten mark.

Schnell, meanwhile, has been one of the Big Ten's most productive and consistent quarterbacks. As a starter the last two years, he has helped the Hoosiers to 8-4 and 8-3-1 seasons and two bowl appearances. Mobile for a passing quarterback, Schnell rushed for 318 yards over the regular schedule and ranked third in the conference in total offense.

With Chuck Hartlieb gone from Iowa, Schnell would, arguably, figure to be the top-ranked Big Ten quarterback this year—except for George. After a rocky freshman season at Purdue, George transferred to Illinois, where he came on strong in his sophomore season last year to gain his own all-league backers.

And George doesn't have the likes of an Anthony Thompson commanding primary attention. Dave Schnell's position is not one for a player with an ego.



Over the past three seasons, Indiana's Dave Schnell has been one of the Big Ten's most productive and consistent quarterbacks.

"That's never been a problem for Dave," Mallory said. "Dave's so intent on getting the job done....

"The thing with Anthony—I think all of our kids respect Anthony. I've never sensed any selfishness in him or any jealousy from the others because of Anthony's accomplishments. Anthony has always included them as a part of it all. It's been a good team feeling, and that's the way it should be.

"But we have to be able to do both, run and pass, and that's where Dave is so valuable. One has to complement the other, and it's always worked that way with those two."

The best example came in last season's biggest test, at the Liberty Bowl. On Indiana's first play from scrimmage, Thompson exploded for a 48-yard run to set the tone for his 140-yard, two-touchdown performance. The Hoosiers defeated South Carolina, 34-10, to record their first bowl victory after two successive postseason losses.

Yet it was Schnell who was voted the game's most valuable player for a brilliant 378-yard passing show, his best as a collegian.

"With their kind of defense, where they're just coming after you all the time, just blitzing you all the time, you can't make a living on the run," Mallory said. "We popped it in there some, but we popped the pass on them, too, and got the biggie on them (an 88-yard touchdown strike from Schnell to Rob Turner, breaking the game open). That's what we've got to do."

That game underlined the synergism of The Thompson Factor and The Schnell Factor. One gets Heisman Trophy attention and All-America mention, which tends to obscure the other.

"It does, but it doesn't," Schnell countered.

"It possibly brings some attention to me, too, because so many people are watching Anthony. He's getting so much national attention it brings some to me, if I go out and perform well.

"And the other thing is that defenses are keying so much on him, it opens a lot of things up for the passing game. You can just see the linebacker sitting down on Anthony. That opens things up for the wideouts and the tight end."

Schnell was able to capitalize in 1988, guiding the Indiana offense to an average of 32.9 points per game, 14th in Division I-A, and 425.3 yards in total offense, 16th among I-A schools.

"We've gone through it all together," Schnell said of his relationship with Thompson, "and I couldn't think of anybody else better to go through it with.

"He's a big-play man. Sometimes when we're down and in a tight situation, he's able to come up with a big play and keep a drive alive. The man just brings a lot to what we do.

"I just hope the best for him. I think right now he'd have to be the leading candidate for the Heisman. He'd have to be, with all the other guys going for the early draft.

"I'd love to see him win it." ■

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Singletons spell double trouble at linebacker

By DAVE PETRUSKA
Tucson Citizen

Penn State may be "Linebacker U," but Arizona has been producing its own harvest of talented linebackers to merit consideration as a satellite campus.

Among the Wildcats' recent inside linebackers, Ricky Hunley was a first-round pick in the 1984 National Football League draft and currently plays for the Phoenix Cardinals. Byron Evans is a starter for the Philadelphia Eagles. Hunley's brother, LaMonte, played for the Indianapolis Colts. Glenn Perkins started for the Arizona Wranglers in the United States Football League before a knee injury cut short his career.

The Wildcats' outside linebackers also have made their mark. Danny Lockett plays for the Detroit Lions, and John Kaiser played at Seattle and Buffalo. In all but one season since 1981, an Arizona linebacker has been an All-Pacific-10 Conference first-team pick.

Now, add the names of Singleton and Singleton to the list of quality Wildcat linebackers. The Singleton twins, Chris and Kevin, have spelled double trouble for Arizona opponents for the last three seasons.

"I can tell them apart—when they're in their game jerseys," Arizona Coach Dick Tomey said, laughing. All Wildcat fans can, just so they remember the helpful rhyme, "87, not Kevin." That's Chris. Kevin wears 84.

But take these identical twins out of uniform and only a few can make a positive I.D.

"I can tell them apart in street clothes if they are together," Tomey said. "Chris is a little bit taller. Also, for a while it was easy because they wore some distinguishing jewelry, but they don't anymore. If I see one of them, I just say 'Hi, Twin.'"

The similarities between the brothers don't end with appearances. Both twins are majoring in sociology, and their work in the weight room is nearly pound for pound even. In conversation with the two, one is likely to finish a sentence the other started.

But the identity problem is really no problem at all, Kevin said. "Our friends can tell us apart," he said. "You get used to being called the wrong name or just 'Twin.' It's no big deal to us."

Becoming part of the linebacker tradition at Arizona has become a big deal to the Singletons, who are entering their senior years.

"We didn't know anything about the Arizona program or its linebacker tradition until we got here," Kevin said. "Then you'd see the pictures on the wall, see the pride the team takes in the defense, the expectations for great play from the linebackers and you find out quickly what they mean here. The Arizona defense always has been geared around the linebackers and we've been working hard, trying to do our part."



Linebacker Kevin Singleton was Arizona's second-leading tackler last season.

And the Singletons have far exceeded expectations, Tomey said.

"I don't think there is any question that Chris will be a nominee for the Butkus Award," Tomey said. "I think he's the best linebacker in the country. He surely emerged as the West's best last year in a conference rich in linebacker tradition.

"Kevin would have been right there with him, but he made a personal sacrifice and moved to inside linebacker. It cost him a chance for some personal recognition. He had never played inside before. It was a whole new game for him, yet he played outstandingly."

Chris, an outside linebacker, is the bigger twin at 6-foot-3, 246 pounds, and was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection in 1988. He was credited with causing five fumbles for the Wildcats and led the team in total tackles. Kevin, who is 6-2, 231, was the squad's second-leading tackler and received honorable mention all-conference recognition.

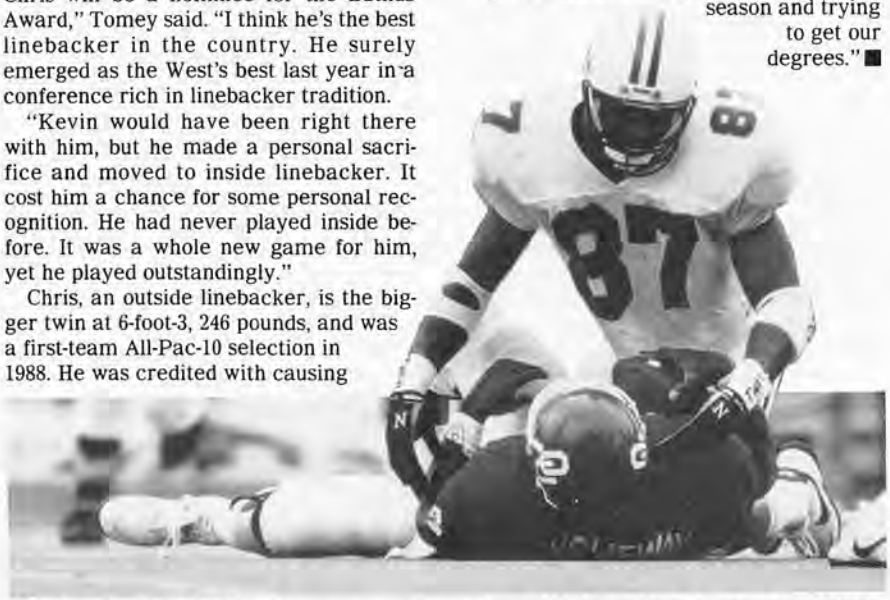
"We have never concerned ourselves with honors," Chris said. "Those sort of things are always out of your control, so why worry about them. I've never teased Kevin and he's never teased me about winning an award. We have a deep respect for each other's talents and abilities. We're best friends as well as brothers. We push each other hard, harder than the coaches do, but we know when to back off and give each other some room."

The Singletons were high school standouts in Parsippany, N.J., and visited Arizona on a whim after recruiting stops at Notre Dame, Iowa, Syracuse and Rutgers. A package deal—and what recruiter wouldn't have wanted this package—they were impressed with the lore of Notre Dame and liked Iowa's closer proximity to home (closer than Tucson, that is). The final decision was difficult, but the twins settled on Arizona because they felt most comfortable in the warm desert environment and believed they could start sooner than at the other schools.

"Being so far from home was difficult at times," Kevin said. "We cried about not being home for Christmas that first year, but we each had someone to share the tears with. It's easier now because our mom, Margaret, has moved to Tucson so that she can see all of the games of our final season."

The 1990 NFL draft could send the twins separate ways. The odds of both being drafted by the same team are remote. "Actually," acknowledged Kevin, "the odds of getting drafted in the first place are slim. There are 35,000 guys running around playing football every year.

"We just take one step at a time. We're not going to live on a dream. One day we know we'll be apart, but our football careers might be over after this season. We're not worrying about anything else right now other than getting ready for this season and trying to get our degrees." ■



Linebacker Chris Singleton was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection in 1988.

BYU wild man Bob Davis is 'bonking' at fame's door

By MARION DUNN
Provo Daily Herald



Brigham Young linebacker Bob Davis revels in teeth-rattling tackles.

It was evident early on that Bob Davis and football would make a perfect match.

"I was born with a wild streak," said Davis, Brigham Young's 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior inside linebacker who runs like a halfback and revels in teeth-rattling tackles. "When I was only 4 years old, my parents sent me off to school to be rid of me. I drove them crazy. I was a wild little guy. They wanted to give me something (to do) to keep busy.

"My dad was a sports fan, so I became involved. When I discovered football, I knew it was the game for me. It's the hitting. I love the hitting. In high school I played tight end and linebacker. I loved being a linebacker. The only time I liked tight end was when I was carrying the ball and could run over someone. I love pain. I love hitting bodies."

Even if that means sacrificing his own in the process. In fact, one of his favorite pastimes is butting heads with teammates. Without helmets, he and another player will back up and then ram each other just above the forehead until one either surrenders or collapses.

"We do it all the time," Davis said. "We call it bonking."

In the huddle before the start of each game, Davis bumps helmets with each defensive teammate.

"I'll say, 'Give me a bonk,' and we bang heads," he explained. "Now it has become part of our ritual every game."

Not surprisingly, the Cougars' defense is intense. That became apparent last season when members of the San Diego State team accused BYU players of making racial taunts during a game.

"Before we played Miami and then Colorado," Davis said, "an official came up to us and said, 'No racial stuff.' I said, 'Get out of here.' Those newspaper comments about us shouting racial slurs at San Diego State were blown out of proportion. But bad words are commonplace on the field, from both teams. If someone says something nasty to me, it's no big deal. I just play harder. Not play dirty. Just play harder."

Davis played hard enough in 1988 to be named a candidate for the Butkus Award, which goes to the nation's top linebacker. After becoming a starter midway through his sophomore season in 1987, Davis started every game as a junior, made the All-Western Athletic Conference team and led the Cougars with both 80 solo tackles and 68 assists.

"Playing inside, I get few chances to blitz," said Davis, who sat out spring practice to let a shoulder injury heal. "Last fall we ran maybe four blitzes for me, so I don't get many sacks. What I get is a lot of tackles, a lot of hits, a lot of fun."

Said Cougars Coach LaVell Edwards: "Bob has a defensive player's mentality. He has a sixth sense and knows what to do and how to react. He's a very physical guy and is just a great player."

One of the best in the nation? Inside linebackers coach Claude Bassett thinks so. "Bob Davis is an all-time great college linebacker," he said.

Davis appreciates such praise, especially after surviving a difficult freshman year in Provo.

"There was a time when I didn't know if I was going to make it here," he said. "When I graduated from high school (in Mesa, Ariz., in 1986), I was a party guy. My first choice of colleges was San Diego State. On the day I was to sign my letter of intent, I was going to San Diego State. But my high school coach phoned me. He told me he didn't think I should go to San Diego, that the beach life would distract me. He had heard of BYU, and he thought the discipline and the life style would be good for me.

"My parents also called me and agreed with the coach. They didn't want me going to school in California. They wanted me to go to BYU."

Davis followed their advice. But his first year was rocky as he challenged the Mormon institution's traditional values. He had long hair. He chewed tobacco. He wore a diamond stud earring and shorts or sweats to class. He finished the year on academic suspension. "It was a bad year all around," Davis said.

After the '86 season, during which Davis played on the junior-varsity squad, Edwards called him into his office. The coach made it clear that he wanted Davis to stay at BYU, but that he'd be glad to help arrange a transfer if his linebacker wasn't happy in Provo. Davis decided it was time to shape up.

"My wife, Julie, straightened me out," Davis said. "We went together in high school and I liked to party and fight, but she kept me in line. We got married in my sophomore year, 1987, and I changed my whole life style."

Davis now goes to the library two or three nights a week. The earring, long hair and tobacco are long gone. He has a respectable grade-point average in the 2.5 range.

"BYU taught me there is more to life than parties," he said. "I love BYU."

While married life and the BYU environment may have curbed his social rowdiness, Davis still is the same crazy hit man on the field.

"I don't eat the day of a game," he said. "I like to play mean and hungry.

"I start to feel like hitting people about two or three hours before a game. But I don't get crazy until five minutes before the game. It isn't a planned thing. It just happens. When Coach Edwards calls for the captains, that means it's time to go on the field. Suddenly I let it all out. My face goes red, I'm screaming and pounding, and so is everyone else. We just go crazy.

"I love that feeling. I love the violence of football. I run onto the field and I can't wait for the hitting to start. And, yes, I talk to the guys on the other team. I like the challenge. I like to take on their best player and to hit as hard as I can.

"At home I watch videos of the great linebackers in action—Lambert, Nitschke, Butkus. I love to see hits where the helmets fly off.

"That's the way I try to hit on the field. Hard!" ■

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Clemson's Allen has a firm grip on tailback job

By BOB GILLESPIE
Columbia (S.C.) State

Terry Allen was in shock. Inconsolable. He walked up and down the Clemson sideline at the 1989 Florida Citrus Bowl, trying to come to grips with what had just happened to him.

A death in the family? No. A loss? Hardly; Clemson was on its way to a 13-6 win over Oklahoma. What had Allen talking to himself was . . . a fumble.

"It really was (a shock)," the junior tailback recalled. "I got down on myself. I had to come out and compose myself."

Over a fumble? Something Oklahoma's offense does almost as often as it passes? But that's the Sooners, not Terry Allen, who'd sooner give up his orange number 21 jersey than give up the football.

"It's crucial not to fumble; you really don't want to do that," he said.

So ardent is Allen about keeping a grip on the ball, he went the entire 1988 season —199 carries and 1,139 yards—without losing a single fumble. Until the Citrus Bowl.

"We ran an isolation play, and one of their guys got a hand on it," Allen said. "Just a lack of concentrating on gripping the football hard."

He grimaced. "They (Sooners) kicked a field goal after that," he recalled. "I didn't say anything. I was just mad at myself."

Hey, can't a guy make one mistake without punishing himself?

"They don't like fumbles much here," Allen said. "You're not going to play much if you fumble a lot."

At Clemson, they like Terry Allen. And the 5-foot-11, 200-pounder will play a bunch. Last fall, the heart of Clemson's offense—which gained 3,054 yards on the ground, No. 9 in Division I-A—was Allen.

Clemson boasts five previous 1,000-yard runners, but the Commerce, Ga., native was the first sophomore to crack that mark. After just two seasons, Allen needs only 750 yards to become the Tigers' all-time rushing leader.

"He's a tough youngster," Clemson Coach Danny Ford said. "I can't give anyone a better compliment than that. When I believe he's tough, he's tough. He's my kind of guy."

Pretty high praise, considering Allen wasn't even Ford's kind of running back when he first arrived at Clemson. For that matter, Ford had never even seen Allen play in high school. Ditto running backs coach Chuck Reedy, who admitted, "We didn't even know much about Terry."

Allen's connection was former defensive backs coach Don Denning. "They recruited me as a defensive back—really, as both," Allen said. "But they gave me the opportunity to try offense first, and I proved I could play tailback."



Tailback Terry Allen's slashing running style fits Clemson's power attack.

The proof came during spring practice following a 1986 redshirt season. Clemson needed replacements for current pros Kenny Flowers and Terrence Flagler. Allen, Wesley McFadden and Joe Henderson were the top candidates.

"I didn't do anything spectacular in spring," Allen said. "But we were consistent at what we did, and Coach Ford likes consistency."

Ford also liked what he saw during the 1987 season, when Allen gained 868 yards and became the first freshman in 44 years to lead the Tigers in rushing. He won Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year and All-ACC honors as well, all while splitting the tailback slot with McFadden. In 1988, McFadden was moved to fill a vacant fullback spot and Allen became the starting tailback, where his slashing running style fits the Tigers' power attack—as does his sure-handedness.

"I guess I've always been that way," he said. "I just tried to do what it takes to get positive yardage. I was taught in high school to run north and south, and I guess that kept up with me all this time."

No one else has been able to stick close to Allen. Henderson remains a backup, as is last year's freshman sensation, Charlie James. Allen tries to encourage them with his words, even as his actions keep them on the bench.

"I tell 'em to keep working hard and the opportunity for them is going to come," he said. ". . . They (coaches) are going to play the best person, and those guys are real good. If they were somewhere else, they'd probably be starting."

But can they beat out Allen? "If I go down from where I am now, start fumbling, get a bad attitude," he said.

Any danger there? "I doubt it," Allen said, grinning.

For the next two years, Clemson's tailback situation—and the football—should be in good hands. ■

San Jose State back punishes all kinds of defenders

By JOHN AKERS
San Jose Mercury News

Johnny Johnson slid down the sideline and leaped high toward the pack of defenders. As usual, their bodies bounced off his. But then Johnson did something that he won't get away with this fall. He flipped the ball over his shoulder. Basket. Two points.

It turns out that San Jose State's outstanding tailback also is quite a basketball player.

During the Spartans' 12-game football season in 1988, Johnson scored a school-record 116 points (9.7 per game). And when 10 San Jose State basketball players decided to boycott the season rather than play for Bill Berry, he signed on for 12 more games and scored another 134, giving him an average of 11.2 points per game as a starting forward. No player in NCAA history has come so close to averaging 10 points per game in both sports in the same academic year.

"It was like 'Paper Lion,'" Johnson said. "You would never get that chance, but it came up."

During football season, Johnson had established himself as one of the nation's best running backs. He gained 2,202 all-purpose yards, second only to Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State. He became the first player in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,200 yards and catch at least 60 passes in a season. With 1,219 yards, he was the Big West Conference's rushing champion.

The football-playing Johnson was strong and fluid, a straight-ahead type whose combination of size (6-foot-3, 209 pounds) and speed (just under 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash) made him tough to tackle.

The basketball-playing Johnson seemed even quicker and more imaginative, a greater threat to swoop past his defender for a layup than to hit the 15-foot jumper. And there was a fire in the basketball player that seemed slower to surface in the football player.

"I seemed to be more aggressive in basketball," he agreed. "Vice versa, you'd think it should be."

That's something Johnson's coach, Claude Gilbert, is working on.

Gilbert says he has never had an athlete like Johnson. And Gilbert knows it will be tough for Johnson to duplicate last season's numbers. And yet, after nine games last season, Gilbert made a point of saying that he wasn't ready to "shout to the world what a great player he is," primarily because of Johnson's bad practice habits. By the start of practice last spring, however, Gilbert said he and his senior tailback were closer to a meeting of the minds.

"We're working on it," Gilbert said. "Within the next months, it's going to mean so very much to him. He's so tremendously gifted, he's gone through life the easy way. He's always been more gifted than his opponents or his peers."

Johnson isn't a bad guy. He sat out the 1986 season because he failed to meet Proposition 48 academic standards, but that's misleading. He's bright and articulate. It's simply a matter of effort; when charged with taking life lightheartedly, the product of the nearby Santa Cruz beaches must plead guilty.

"Usually, it's something like cracking a joke, breaking tension," Johnson said. "If you're not allowed to have fun, it'll wear on you. When my name is called, I'll give you 100 percent."

His father, also named Johnny Johnson, was an outstanding running back at San Jose State from 1960-62. The younger Johnson, however, was raised by his mother and has had little contact with his father.

Yet Johnson constantly answers questions about a father he barely knows. By choosing San Jose State, he accepted that situation. And he said he doesn't find it awkward or strange.

"People say I run like Eric Dickerson or Marcus Allen, and I don't know them at all," Johnson said. "It's not strange. It's an honor."

Since he brought it up, Johnson does run like Dickerson, in that straight-up style. Johnson's numbers in 1988 may seem more Dickerson-like if you take into account he was coming off a two-year layoff at tailback and didn't really get rolling until three games had passed.

After sitting out the '86 season, Johnson played wide receiver in 1987 because two seniors were firmly entrenched at the running back spots. And in its first three games last season, San Jose State tried to exploit Johnson's versatility by playing him everywhere. Tailback. Fullback. Slotback. Wide receiver. After three games, he had rushed for 143 yards.

"There was no question we had him doing too much," Gilbert said. "We were trying to be too smart, too sophisticated."

Johnson was moved permanently to tailback for the Spartans' fourth game, against Washington. He rushed for 217 yards. A star was born.

San Jose State isn't planning to go to any great lengths to promote Johnson for awards this season, which is fine with him. His mother's scrapbooks of his exploits already weigh 30 pounds. Even without a publicity blitz, the scrapbooks are sure to grow, especially if Johnson carries a lesson learned on the basketball court with him to the football field.

"It would be so easy to be satisfied when so many people are saying how great you are," he said. "But that's probably the single biggest thing that Coach Berry left me with: 'Never be satisfied.' I have so much more I want to be." ■



In 1988, San Jose State tailback Johnny Johnson became the first player in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,200 yards and catch at least 60 passes in a season.

QUALITY AND QUANTITY

Michigan's great problem is far too many horses

By STEVE KORNACKI
Detroit Free Press

Choosing the starting offensive backfield at Michigan is like going through a smorgasbord line with one small plate. Everything looks good, but there is only so much room.

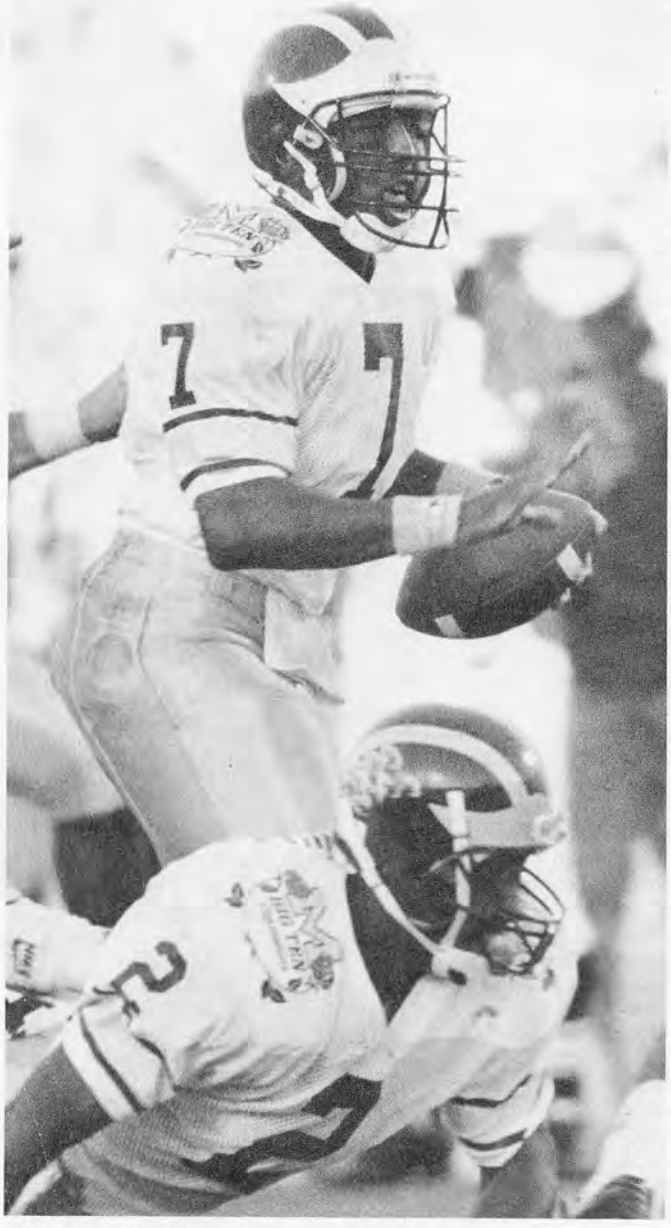
But don't feel sorry for Wolverines Coach Bo Schembechler. He relishes such problems. Quality and quantity make for stacked depth charts. And, in this case, the best and deepest offensive backfield in college football.

UNIT RATINGS

How about Demetrius Brown at quarterback with Tony Boles at tailback and Leroy Hoard at fullback? Or maybe you'd prefer Michael Taylor at quarterback handing off to fullback Jarrod Bunch and Hoard, this time at tailback. Or any combination of the above.

If those prospects don't excite you, try inserting tailbacks Allen Jefferson, Jon Vaughn or Tracy Williams—all probable starters for most teams—into the picture.

Brown and Taylor combined last season to complete 113 of 182 passes (62.1 percent) for 1,588 yards and 10 touchdowns. Taylor threw two interceptions, Brown none. Taylor started the Wolverines' first nine games before being sidelined by a broken right collarbone against Minnesota. Brown finished off the season and Michigan, which led the Big Ten Conference in total offense, never missed a





Michigan led the Big Ten in total offense last season, thanks in part to strong-armed quarterback Demetrius Brown (left) and tailback Tony Boles, a glider with very deceptive speed.

beat.

"You can't underestimate what either of them did last year," Schembechler said. "Both did very well. Taylor won the position, got hurt and we didn't miss a beat with Demetrius, who won all three of his games (including the Rose Bowl). It's possible we won't decide real quick. But let's not look at this as a problem. If it is, it's a great problem."

The battle between the two fifth-year seniors likely will not be decided until fall practice begins. Brown broke his left (throwing) hand midway through spring drills, but should return at full strength for the season.

Taylor is the better runner and reads defenses like a computer printout. He also has above-average passing skills and can come up with the occasional big game.

Brown has the stronger arm and speed that allows him to turn the corner. He was intercepted 16 times in 1987, but wasn't picked off in 60 attempts last year. His concept of game plans and ability to read defenses is improving.

This double-quarterback whammy is just the tip of the iceberg. Michigan's running backs are big, strong, fast—and lethal.

Boles rushed for 1,359 yards, the fourth-best total in Division I-A, and averaged 133.4 yards per game in Big Ten action. He's a talented junior whom Schembechler and professional scouts tab for future stardom. Though Boles averaged 135.9 yards rushing per game overall, he often was criticized for his play without the ball. Not anymore.

"Boles is much improved as a blocker," Schembechler said. "And he's a very good runner. He's a glider with very deceptive speed (4.3 seconds in the 40-yard dash). He tippy-toes and then he goes."

Hoard gained 610 yards in the 1988 regular season and was named the most valuable player after gaining 142 more in Michigan's 22-14 Rose Bowl victory over Southern California. He led the Big Ten's starting backs with a 5.7-yard average and scored 11 touchdowns (including two in the Rose Bowl). Hoard ran for 137, 158 and 142 yards in the last three games against Illinois, Ohio State and Southern Cal, respectively. He scored a pair of touchdowns in each game.

"John Robinson said he'd make Hoard a Number 1 draft pick right now," Schembechler said, quoting the Los Angeles Rams' coach after Michigan's Rose Bowl victory. "He has such thrust, acceleration and speed (4.5 in the 40)."

Bunch, a junior who was slowed last season by injuries, is a 6-foot-2, 240-pound bulldozer who can run the 40 in 4.6 seconds. "He's running quicker than ever," Schembechler said.

Bunch, who sees part-time duty in the I-formation, becomes the primary back whenever Michigan goes to the wishbone, normally in goal-line and other short-yardage situations.

Tailbacks Williams, Jefferson and Vaughn and fullback Chris Horn add the kind of depth that most other coaches can only dream about.



Michigan's offensive backfield: (clockwise, from top left) Demetrius Brown, Michael Taylor, Tony Boles, Leroy Hoard, Tracy Williams, Allen Jefferson, Jarrod Bunch and Chris Horn.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELDS

1. MICHIGAN

Players: Tony Boles, TB; Jarrod Bunch, FB; Demetrius Brown, QB; Leroy Hoard, FB/TB; Chris Horn, FB; Allen Jefferson, TB; Michael Taylor, QB; Jon Vaughn, TB; Tracy Williams, TB.

Comment: The Wolverines are deep everywhere. No team has a better quarterback duo than Taylor and Brown, and Hoard and Boles are big-time ballcarriers.

2. NOTRE DAME

Players: Braxston Banks, FB; Steve Belles, QB; Rodney Culver, TB/FB; Anthony Johnson, FB; Ryan Mihalko, FB; Tony Rice, QB; Kenny Spears, TB; Ricky Watters, TB.

Comment: Rice is the nation's best quarterback. If not for the loss of quarterback Kent Graham and the questionable academic status of tailback Tony Brooks, the Irish would be ranked No. 1.

3. LOUISIANA STATE

Players: Jay Egloff, FB; Eddie Fuller, TB; Sol Graves, QB; Tommy Hodson, QB; Victor Jones, FB; Derek Pope, FB; Darrell Williams, FB; Harvey Williams, TB; Calvin Windom, TB.

Comment: The combination of Hodson and Harvey Williams (who sat out last season with a knee injury) affords the Tigers this lofty ranking. Egloff and Jones are accomplished fullbacks.

4. PENN STATE

Players: Tom Bill, QB; Gary Brown, FB; Gerry Collins, TB; Sam Gash, FB; John Gerak, FB; Sean Redman, TB; Tony Sacca, QB; Bobby Samuels, TB; Blair Thomas, TB; Leroy Thompson, TB.

Comment: Thomas missed last season after undergoing knee surgery. If healthy, he is the nation's best power runner. Sacca has the tools to rate among the best passers.

5. ARIZONA

Players: Michael Bates, HB; David Eldridge, HB; Art Greathouse, HB; Mario Hampton, FB; George Malauulu, QB; Reggie McGill, HB; Errol Sapp, WB; Ronald Veal, QB.

Comment: Hampton and Veal showed vast improvement during spring drills. Greathouse will continue his career on Sundays in 1990. Bates and Sapp are a promising pair of freshmen.

Vaughn, a redshirt freshman who has run 100 meters in 10.2 seconds, emerged as a breakaway threat in spring drills. Schembechler expects Jefferson back "as good as new" after the youngster had a calcium deposit the size of a half dollar removed from his right leg.

Schembechler, never one to take chances, went out in the off-season and recruited another top-notch prospect. Tailback Burnie Legette, a Parade All-America from Colorado Springs, Colo., is a coming attraction.

The Wolverines flaunted their depth last season, rushing for more than 200 yards on every Big Ten opponent except Iowa. Boles gained 148 yards against the Hawkeyes, but the other Wolverine backs were held to nine yards.

Michigan's backfield dominance was not lost on opposing coaches, who readily acknowledged that Schembechler has too many horses.

"Number 1, they have two quarterbacks with great ability," Minnesota's John Gutekunst said. "It's obvious they have taken to coaching. They don't make mistakes.

"Then their fullbacks have the running ability of some people's tailbacks *and* the ability to block. Boles is 'Lightning' and Hoard is 'Thunder'—what a backfield! And look at the great running back they have at cornerback, David Key (a converted tailback). That's how deep they are."■

UNIT RATINGS

FSU receivers are all for one and one for all

By BOB HARIG
St. Petersburg Times

Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden has so much faith in his wide receivers, he lets them make their own substitutions. Sometimes he doesn't even know which ones are in the game.

"We play four of them equally and we don't worry about who's in there," Bowden said. "As a group, it would be hard to find one that's better. Every one of them makes great catches. All have been responsible for winning a game. It seems like every game, one of them stood out."

Florida State's Fabulous Four are Terry Anthony, Ronald Lewis, Bruce LaSane and Lawrence Dawsey. All are in their fourth year at Florida State (Dawsey is a redshirt junior), and all would be starters anywhere else in the country. But at Florida State, where the Seminoles are deep at the skill positions, they must take turns. And they don't mind a bit.

"It's very unusual," said John Eason, Florida State's receivers coach. "They are extremely competitive. Other groups secretly want the other guys to do bad so they can play. These guys pull for each other. The feelings they show for each other are real.

"I have enough confidence that no matter who is in there, the job will get done. These four guys could be the Number 1 receiver on any team they play on. But I don't think they would be as good if only one or two of them were here. They push each other."

The four receivers combined last season for 99 catches for 1,805 yards (18.2-yard average) and 22 touchdowns as the Seminoles went 11-1, including a Sugar Bowl victory over Auburn, and finished No. 3 in the country.

Anthony led the group with 32 receptions for 550 yards, while Lewis caught 27 passes for 484 yards. At 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds, LaSane is the most athletic player in the foursome. He caught 22 passes for 406 yards. And Dawsey scored every other time he caught a pass, tallying nine touchdowns (tops among the four) on 18 catches.

Lewis and Dawsey are flankers, the deep threats. Anthony and LaSane are split ends, the possession guys. Anthony and Lewis usually start each game, but after that, it's up to the four to decide when they play.

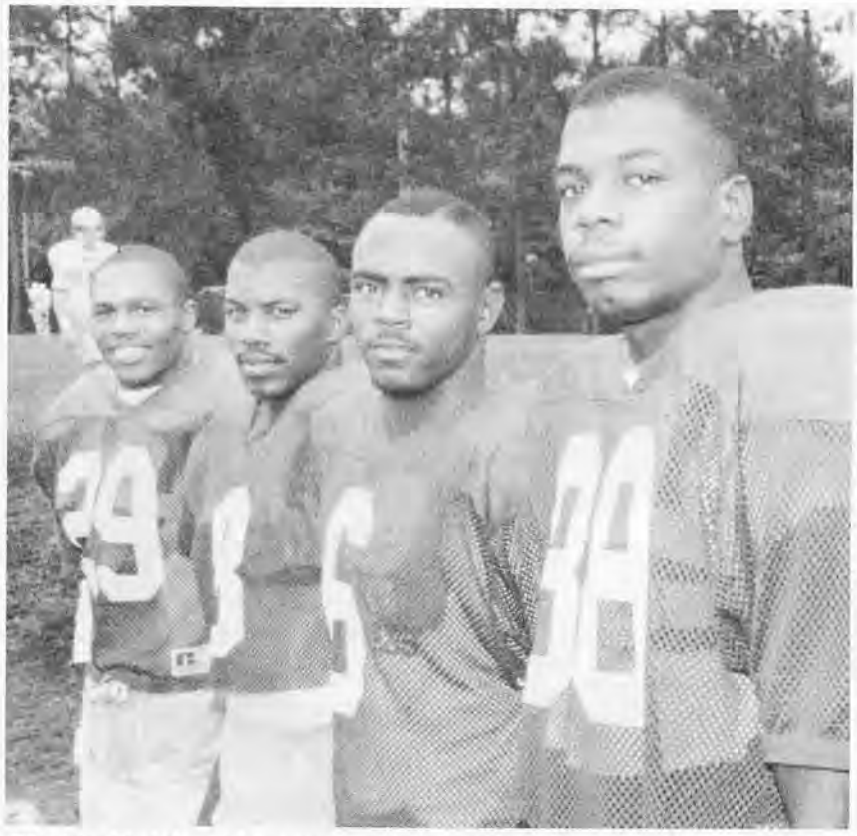
They are so unselfish that they look out for each other. At one point last season when LaSane was the only player among the four without a touchdown catch, the others went to the coaches and asked them to call a play designed to get him in the end zone.

"All of us feel we deserve the same amount of playing time," Anthony said. "We don't want anybody to be left out. If I'm tired, I know Bruce is there on the sideline for me. I just raise my hand, and he comes in.

"I didn't think I could go to a school and find this much competition. I think we have the best receiving corps in the nation. I'm not saying we're better than any receiver out there, but I wouldn't trade any of our guys for anybody."

Now if only they could latch onto a nickname as tightly as they grasp footballs. The Four Scores has been tossed around, but for now they're going with the Fabulous Four—until something better comes along.

"We just haven't heard one that's to our liking," Anthony said. "But it's in the back of our minds that we need a nickname." ■



Florida State's wide receivers: (from left) Lawrence Dawsey, Terry Anthony, Ronald Lewis and Bruce LaSane.

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. FLORIDA STATE
Players: Terry Anthony, Lawrence Dawsey, Bruce LaSane, Ronald Lewis, Eric Turral.

Comment: The Seminoles will close out the '80s in style, fielding the finest receiving corps of the decade. Turral, an incoming freshman, eventually will join his four teammates in the NFL.

2. TENNESSEE
Players: Terence Cleveland, Alvin Harper, Vince Moore, Anthony Morgan, Carl Pickens, Thomas Woods.

Comment: The Volunteers also have an abundance of swift talent. With a more consistent effort from Cleveland and Harper, this unit might be the Seminoles' equal.

3. NEBRASKA
Players: Richard Bell, Brad Devall, Morgan Gregory, Tyrone Hughes, Nate Turner.

Comment: This group can match any in terms of speed, but depth remains a question mark. Turner could become the Cornhuskers' best receiver in quite some time.

4. PITTSBURGH
Players: Chris Bouyer, Hosea Heard, Baron Jackson, Henry Tuten, Reggie Williams.

Comment: With the return of Heard as well as an exceptional group of incoming freshmen, quality targets abound for the Panthers' new quarterback.

5. CALIFORNIA
Players: Mike Caldwell, Mike Ford, Michael Smith, Junior Tagalao, Brian Treggs.

Comment: The Golden Bears' receivers received this ranking last season but then performed below expectations. They still could excel, especially with the addition of Caldwell, a freshman.

Beefy Syracuse line 'on verge of something special'

By TOM LEO
Syracuse Herald-Journal

John Flannery is the center of attention at Syracuse and he knows what to expect.

"We think we can be one of the best teams, and one of the best lines, around," Flannery said. "Now we've got to go out and prove it."

And the Orangemen will have to "prove it" without benefit of the underdog status that has allowed them to sneak up on unknowing opponents the last two seasons. The Orangemen have won 21 games over that span and head into 1989 as serious contenders for national honors.

Respect has come grudgingly to Syracuse, and never mind that Coach Dick MacPherson must find key replacements at quarterback, fullback, tailback, wide receiver, tight end and defensive back.

Syracuse will make a run at its third consecutive New Year's Day bowl bid, and the centerpiece of its 1989 hopes is an offensive line that shapes up as the best in the country.

That line, returning intact with the 6-foot-3, 291-pound Flannery snapping the ball, has the muscle and experience to back up the loftiest of expectations.

"I sense we're on the verge of something special," Flannery said.

Joining Flannery in the starting lineup will be guards Blake Bednarz and Gary McCummings and tackles Turnell Sims and Mike Bernard. That unit averages 6-2½, 283 pounds, and only Bednarz is a senior. Behind this beefy crew, Syracuse compiled 4,305 total yards last season and averaged 28.4 points per game.

"We think there's another level that they can get to, which we call greatness," MacPherson said. "That's the challenge we've put to them because we think they're a very, very good offensive line right now."

Flannery, a junior, is clearly the enforcer. The former Pennsylvania state high school heavyweight wrestling champion (1986) started 10 of 11 games at left guard as a freshman in 1987. But the Syracuse coaching staff determined that center was his natural position.

"John has tremendous flexibility as a center, tremendous balance, tremendous explosion," offensive coordinator George DeLeone said. "With his physical tools and mental attitude, the sky is the limit. John wants to be a great player."

Flannery, who was not highly recruited out of high school, has worked hard in the weight room to improve his strength and agility and now looms as an All-America candidate as well as a high future National Football League draft pick.

"There's still some things I've got to correct," Flannery said. "I'm far from perfect. The key for us as a unit is not to let all this recognition go to our heads."

Bednarz is the emotional leader of this close-knit group, and an NFL prospect as well. McCummings replaced Flannery at guard and Bernard became a starter last fall when Craig Stoeppel broke his ankle in a preseason scrimmage.

Highly regarded redshirt freshman Chris Gedney and sophomore Andrew Dees will split time at tight end, while junior Rush Hodgin provides backup at both guard and tackle.

"Our offensive philosophy is designed to give the defense enough problems so the offensive line can do all the things they have to in terms of drop-back passing, an option game or power football," MacPherson said. "You put the five of them across the front and they can handle all the problems that can be presented to them. That's why they have a chance to be one of the best." ■



Syracuse's offensive line: (from left) Turnell Sims, Blake Bednarz, John Flannery, Gary McCummings and Mike Bernard.

OFFENSIVE LINES

1. SYRACUSE

Players: Blake Bednarz, G; Mike Bernard, T; Andrew Dees, TE; John Flannery, C; Chris Gedney, TE; Rush Hodgin, G; Gary McCummings, G; John Nilsen, G; Turnell Sims, T.

Comment: The Orange's starting line returns intact. Bednarz, Flannery and Sims are All-America types, while Gedney could rank among the best tight ends.

2. COLORADO

Players: Bill Coleman, T; Joe Garten, G; Jay Leeuwenburg, C; Darrin Muilenburg, G; John Perak, TE; Ariel Solomon, T; Mark Vander Poel, T.

Comment: With the development of an adequate center, this line could rank as the Buffs' best of the decade. Garten and Muilenburg are the nation's top guard tandem.

3. NEBRASKA

Players: Brian Boerboom, T; Bill Bobbora, G; Steve Engstrom, G; Terry Eyman, T; Doug Glaser, T; Monte Kratzenstein, TE; Tom Punt, T; John Roschal, G; Jim Wanek, G; Jake Young, C.

Comment: This unit has not yet proven itself but has great potential. Besides, when was the last time the Cornhuskers' front line wasn't among the best? Glaser is awesome.

4. NOTRE DAME

Players: Mike Brennan, T; Dean Brown, T; Derek Brown, TE; Tom Gorman, G; Tim Grunhard, G; Justin Hall, T; Mike Heldt, C; Gene McGuire, C; Peter Rausch, T; Tim Ryan, G.

Comment: This could be Coach Lou Holtz's finest line ever. Grunhard is the leader, while Hall, a sophomore, has the potential to rank among the Irish's best tackles of all time.

5. AUBURN

Players: Pat Autrey, TE; Anthony Brown, T; Travis Galloway, C; Chris Gray, TE; John Hudson, C; Brad Johnson, G; Ed King, G; Bob Meeks, T; Mark Rose, C/G; Rob Selby, T.

Comment: King, perhaps the best offensive lineman in the nation, leads a fine group that features dominating tackles Selby and Meeks.

UNIT RATINGS

The Conscience keeps Miami's players in line

By TOM D'ANGELO
West Palm Beach Post

Russell Maryland is not only the anchor of the best defensive line in the country, but also the Miami Hurricanes' student guidance counselor. Known as The Conscience, Maryland can make any misguided teammate feel guilty.

"When you do something wrong, he's the guy who will scold you," said offensive lineman Mike Sullivan, Maryland's roommate and a fellow Chicagoan. "I think he invented right from wrong."

Maryland, a 6-foot-2, 265-pound junior defensive tackle, is the father figure every player left behind when he enrolled at Miami. Any player who thinks of skipping class or visiting The Rat (a popular student hangout) before an exam must answer to The Conscience.

"I always kind of get after them when I think they're doing something wrong," said Maryland, who led the team in yards lost (45) on eight sacks and made 87 tackles last year. "They know they're wrong, but they kind of get annoyed sometimes."

Three years ago, nobody had Maryland pegged as a big-time college football player, much less the conscience of a national powerhouse and the pillar of the game's most devastating defensive line. Miami was the only Division I-A school that offered him a scholarship.

"Russell Maryland is an amazing football player," former Hurricanes coach Jimmy Johnson said before leaving Miami to coach the Dallas Cowboys. "We did not actively recruit Russell. But the reason why we took him is he's a very intelligent player, he had the size that we were looking for and everybody who we talked to about Russell said he was an overachiever."

The Hurricanes are known for their string of pro quarterbacks, but Maryland is the latest in a long line of Miami defensive linemen—Lester Williams, Kevin Fagan, Jerome Brown, Daniel Stubbs, Bill Hawkins—who have created a proud tradition of their own. Last spring, Hawkins became the ninth Miami defensive lineman drafted by the National Football League in the last five years.

"We go looking for them," former defensive coordinator Butch Davis said. "The whole basis to having a good defense is playing a good run defense. If you can't stop the run, they can dictate the whole offensive game plan."



Miami's defensive line: (from left) Greg Mark, Jimmie Jones, Russell Maryland and Willis Peguese.

DEFENSIVE LINES

1. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Shane Curry, E; Jimmie Jones, T; Cortez Kennedy, T; Greg Mark, E; Russell Maryland, T; Eric Miller, E; Willis Peguese, T/E; Kipp Vickers, T.

Comment: Maryland progressed every game last season and finished as one of the nation's most dominating tackles. Mark and Curry apply heavy pressure on the quarterback.

2. LOUISIANA STATE

Players: Marc Boutte, NG; Kenny Davidson, E; Karl Dunbar, E; Clint James, E; Clayton Mouton, E; Craig Norris, E; Scott Wharton, NG.

Comment: Dunbar and James are the nation's top pair of bookends. Boutte will clog the middle. Mouton, a redshirt freshman, will be an All-America someday.

3. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Players: Gene Fruge, NG; Don Gibson, NG; Randy Hord, DG/T; Dan Owens, DG; Tim Ryan, T; J.P. Sullivan, DG; Matt Willig, T.

Comment: Gibson, Owens and Ryan enter their third year as linemates. They've improved each year; expect more of the same in 1989.

4. PITTSBURGH

Players: Mike Chalenski, E; Sean Gilbert, E; Mark Gunn, E; Keith Hamilton, E; Tom Sims, T; Tony Siragusa, T; Carnel Smith,.E/T; Marc Spindler, T.

Comment: Siragusa and Spindler are as talented and nasty as they come. Gilbert, an incoming freshman, will be the best defensive lineman of the '90s.

5. OKLAHOMA

Players: Tom Backes, T; Wayne Dickson, E; Stacey Dillard, T; Scott Evans, T; James Goode, E; Tracy Gordon, E; Darrell Kirby, NG; Proctor Land, E; Dante Williams, NG.

Comment: Evans rates among the top five defensive linemen in the country, while Williams and Goode also are worthy of All-America consideration.

The Hurricanes have had one of the nation's best rushing defenses since Maryland first played as a redshirt freshman in 1987. Miami allowed only 2.3 yards per carry that season, when Maryland was a backup, and 2.2 yards per carry last year, when he became the starting left tackle.

Maryland's rise up the depth chart reflected his ability to control his weight. The Hurricanes stop the run with speed, so Maryland had to shed a few pounds and increase his quickness to fit into the team's attack-and-swarm system.

"The scheme here is more strength and quickness, rather than size," said senior end Greg Mark, who weighs just 244 pounds. "Our defense is based on speed. That in itself attracts good athletes."

The Hurricanes have four good athletes up front in Maryland, Mark, senior tackle Jimmie Jones and talented junior end Shane Curry, who started four games at tackle last year but is slated to replace Hawkins at end. Seniors Willis Peguese and Cortez Kennedy provide depth.

"Our whole defensive line is extraordinary," Curry said. "We're fast, we're not all big, but we're strong. We're just mean. Period. That's why I like Miami football. Mean." ■

USC's depth at linebacker leaves no room for error

By STEVE GRIMLEY
Orange County Register

The greatest testimonial to the strength and depth of the Southern California linebacking corps last season was not the Trojans' No. 2 national ranking against the run. It was not the 23 tackles for losses by USC linebackers, nor was it their 20 quarterback sacks.

No, the surest sign that the Trojans had something special going at the position was that Junior Seau did not break into a starting lineup devoid of seniors.

Many observers had penciled in Seau, a prep All-America and one of the nation's top linebacker recruits two years ago, as a freshman starter at USC before he had to sit out the 1987 season as a Proposition 48 casualty. Surely, it was thought, Seau would rise to the top in 1988. USC Coach Larry Smith named Seau as a possible starter last spring even though the sophomore had yet to practice with the team.

When fall practice began, Seau was ranked second on the depth chart behind Craig Hartsuyker, who had been a reserve in 1987. Seau then sprained an ankle early in fall drills, and the supremely confident Seau began to worry—not about starting, but about playing.

"If you can't play, the talent is so good here you lose your place in line," Seau said. "You have to perform because there is someone just as good ahead of you or waiting behind you."

Seau never did unseat Hartsuyker, but he pushed himself to return by the second game instead of the fourth, as had been projected, and became a valuable reserve for the Trojans. And Hartsuyker? All he did was lead USC linebackers in quarterback sacks with seven, and he had five other tackles for losses.

Linebacking was one of the team's major areas of concern before the 1988 season because of youth and inexperience. Scott Ross, a sophomore last season, was the only returning starter. But linebacking turned out to be a strength, and that deep, talented unit now ranks as perhaps the best in the nation with all four starters and the top reserves all returning.

Hartsuyker, a junior, and senior Michael (Tex) Williams are the starters on the outside, with Seau and senior Cordell Sweeney as the top backups. The two returning starters at inside linebacker are Ross, an All-Pacific-10 Conference pick as a sophomore, and senior Delmar Chesley. Backing up Chesley is junior Brian Tuliau, who started the first six games last season.

The Trojans' attacking, gap-control defense is designed so the inside linebackers make most of the tackles. The leader here is the 6-foot-2, 225-pound Ross, who had a team-high 131 tackles last year.

"He isn't a Brian Bosworth physically; he doesn't have that quickness," Smith said. "But in terms of intensity and great, great instinct, Scott Ross is it.... He has that wild look in his eye; his hair's always scraggly. He's one of the ugliest people I've ever seen at 6:30 in the morning, but you know what? When you line up he's ready to play, and it's fun to coach a guy like that."

Ross considers his aggressiveness his best trait and said he is in good company.

"Tuliau is the quietest of the linebackers, but he goes all out," Ross said. "He knocked himself out making a tackle in a game this year (Oregon State), but he's done that before in practice, too."

Seau can attest that being knocked out of action could be the worst thing that can happen to a USC linebacker. You could lose your spot in line while regaining consciousness. ■



Southern Cal's linebackers: (clockwise, from top left) Michael Williams, Craig Hartsuyker, Delmar Chesley, Scott Ross, Cordell Sweeney, Brian Tuliau and Junior Seau.

LINEBACKERS

1. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Players: Kurt Barber, O; Delmar Chesley, I; Matt Gee, I; Craig Hartsuyker, O; Scott Ross, I; Junior Seau, O; Cordell Sweeney, O; Brian Tuliau, I; Michael Williams, O.

Comment: There may be better starting units, but none as deep. The Trojans have an unmatched blend of speed and muscle. Ross, Seau and Williams are All-America types.

2. COLORADO

Players: Chad Brown, I; David Brown, I; Lamarr Gray, O; Terry Johnson, I; Michael Jones, I; Kanavis McGhee, O; Mike Motley, O; Alfred Williams, O.

Comment: McGhee and Williams are the biggest, nastiest set of linebackers who don't play for the Giants or Bears. Jones plays flawlessly. Keep an eye on redshirt freshman Chad Brown.

3. NOTRE DAME

Players: Ned Bolcar, I; John Foley, I; Donn Grimm, I; Michael Smalls, I; Michael Stonebreaker, I.

Comment: Without Stonebreaker, whose status is questionable after suffering injuries in a car accident, the Irish drop a few notches. When motivated, no one is better than Bolcar.

4. BRIGHAM YOUNG

Players: Rocky Biegel, I; Bob Davis, I; Alema Fitisemanu, O; Shad Hansen, I; Duane Johnson, O; Marc Neal, I/O; Chad Robinson, O; Randy Slayton, I.

Comment: This is the Cougars' finest linebacking corps ever. Davis is cut from the Jack Lambert mold. Biegel and Fitisemanu are future stars.

5. MICHIGAN

Players: Bobby Abrams, O; Erick Anderson, I; J.J. Grant, I; Alex Marshall, O; John Milligan, I; Neil Simpson, O; Marc Spencer, I; Tim Williams, O.

Comment: Grant is the leader of a unit capable of becoming the nation's best. Abrams is vastly underrated, and the athletic Marshall can dominate.

UNIT RATINGS

Dee-Beasters give Michigan tough secondary

By STEVE KORNACKI
Detroit Free Press

The Michigan Wolverines' secondary is known as the Dee-Beasters—that's "DB" as in defensive backs and "beasts" as in the ferocity with which they punish opposing receivers and ball-carriers.

"We have a lot of speed and are eager to get to it," said junior cornerback David Key, who originated the Dee-Beasters tag. "Our motto is 'run and hit,' and we never get tired."

Even though only two players have starting positions nailed down, the Dee-Beasters figure to emerge as perhaps the nation's best secondary. They are talented and young, with all the contenders having at least two years of eligibility remaining. Heading the unit are junior safety Tripp Welborne, who made a team-high five interceptions and finished fourth on the team with 62 tackles last season, and Key, who was fifth with 57 tackles (49 solo).

"Tripp and David Key give us an outstanding nucleus to build around," defensive coordinator Lloyd Carr said.

Said Coach Bo Schembechler: "From my standpoint, the secondary is still a question mark because we have positions to fill. But Welborne has made some great plays, especially in the Rose Bowl. Key is faster than hell and has gotten smoother."

Welborne could play either safety spot. If he switches from strong to free safety, sophomore David Ritter is a good bet to take over at strong safety. That would leave junior Vada Murray, a good pass defender who made four interceptions as the starting free safety last season, as a possible nickel back. The unit lost David Arnold at the cornerback spot opposite Key, but sophomore Lance Dottin and junior Todd Plate, who missed spring practice with a knee injury, are strong candidates to replace him. Sophomore Otis Williams and redshirt freshmen Dwayne Ware, Coleman Wallace, Corwin Brown and Pat Maloney also could figure into the backfield picture.

Though a number of unproven players will see action in the Wolverine secondary this year, the unit is deep and has two legitimate stars in Welborne and Key.

"Tripp makes his big plays at big times in games," Schembechler said. "He and Key have really developed. They gave us that speed (both run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds) we needed to be sound back there."

So sound that only six touchdown passes were completed against Michigan last season, a statistic that is all the more remarkable because Wolverine defensive backs are expected to contain the run as well as the pass.

"We put a burden on our secondary . . ." Carr said. "We ask that they put themselves in position to prevent the long run if we have breakdowns up front, and we also demand they stop the long pass."

Welborne and Key both switched from offense. Welborne played wide receiver as a freshman in 1987 before switching to defense the following spring. Key was a tailback when he was redshirted in 1986 but has been a cornerback the last two seasons.

"I didn't have any real grasp of the position until last season," Key said. "The little things such as technique were the toughest."

Welborne also went through an adjustment period. "It was just a matter of getting comfortable in Michigan's system, and I felt that going into the Big Ten season," he said. "I was reacting, rather than thinking. . . . (It) takes a certain streak to play defense and fit in. It's digging in when you're tired. It's having the eye of the tiger."

From a member of the Dee-Beasters, that's an appropriate metaphor. ■



Michigan's secondary: (from left) Vada Murray, David Key, Lance Dottin and Tripp Welborne.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELDS

1. MICHIGAN

Players: Lance Dottin, CB; David Key, CB; Vada Murray, S; Todd Plate, CB; Dwayne Ware, CB; Tripp Welborne, S; Otis Williams, S.

Comment: Welborne is the most underrated defensive back in the country, while Key and Murray offer leadership with All-America potential. Dottin is a future star.

2. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Players: DeChon Burns, CB; Mark Carrier, S; Cleveland Colter, S; Dwayne Garner, CB; Lamont Hollinquest, S; Marcus Hopkins, S; Stephon Pace, CB; Marvin Pollard, CB; Ernest Spears, CB.

Comment: Carrier and Colter are every bit as good as the former Trojan duo of Ronnie Lott and Dennis Smith. Burns and Hollinquest have bright futures.

3. ALABAMA

Players: Charles Gardner, S; Gene Jelks, CB; John Mangum, CB; Lee Ozmint, S; Efrum Thomas, CB; Lorenzo Ward, S.

Comment: Jelks could earn All-America honors at cornerback or running back. Other dominating players are Ozmint and Ward, a ferocious hitter. Gardner is future star.

4. UCLA

Players: Randy Beverly, CB; Anthony Burnett, S; Willie Crawford, S; Matt Darby, S; Al Jordan, CB; Dion Lambert, CB; Mark McGill, S; Eric Nelson, S; Eric Turner, S.

Comment: The safety duo of Darby and Turner has few peers, while Lambert is a budding All-America. The Bruins also recruited three prep All-America defensive backs.

5. NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Players: Barry Anderson, CB; Wade Burton, CB; Jesse Campbell, S; Joe Johnson, CB; Keith Johnson, S; Marc Latta, CB; Dexter Royal, S; Fernandus Vinson, S.

Comment: The starting four—Joe Johnson, Anderson, Campbell and Vinson—might warrant a higher rating, but the backups are largely unproven. Campbell can dominate a game by himself.

Wedge-buster Egloff sparks LSU's Banzai Bandits

By GEORGE MORRIS
Baton Rouge State-Times

Mike Archer, Louisiana State's usually loquacious coach, can summarize Jay Egloff in one word: "Kamikaze." It takes Egloff a little longer: "I guess I'm kind of an adrenaline druggie."

Both descriptions fit. The 6-foot-1, 221-pound senior from Hanover, Pa., was born, it seems, to be a wedge-buster. He is the ringleader of the Banzai Bandits, LSU's kickoff-coverage team. And he contributes on the other special teams, which have played a vital part in the Tigers' two Southeastern Conference championships in the last three years.

That isn't the role to which players usually aspire when coming out of high school. But Egloff, an all-county fullback, wasn't even planning to play football when he came to LSU in 1985. He signed a wrestling scholarship, only to have LSU drop the sport three weeks after he arrived. So, Egloff walked onto the football team the next spring and impressed former coach Bill Arnsparger enough to earn a football scholarship.

"I kind of came out here with a chip on my shoulder," Egloff said. "I'd been warned by several guys that I might not get the chance I wanted to get. Coach Arnsparger gave me the opportunity. I've tried to make the most of it."

His contributions began midway through the 1986 season when, at Kentucky, he was inserted into the kickoff-coverage team when a teammate was injured. He finished the game with two tackles and earned a regular job.

Egloff also covers on punts and is a backup on kickoff returns. But kickoff coverage is where he excels, largely because of his enthusiasm.

"You've definitely got to get psyched up for kickoffs," Egloff said. "I probably get more adrenaline flowing for the opening kickoff than any other play. Just the way the kickoff is set up, there's a good likelihood that somebody might get hurt. Being a little scared like that makes me want to get down there faster and make sure I'm the one doing the hitting and not the one taking the hit."

It doesn't always work that way. Egloff separated his shoulder in the third game last season at Ohio State, an injury that limited his play the rest of the season. He scored three touchdowns as a fullback, but the tender joint prematurely ended his kickoff-coverage duties until the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"Our special teams were not as good after he got hurt," Archer said.

Still, they weren't bad, and they figure to be better in 1989.

Punting was the most pleasant 1988 surprise as senior René Bourgeois, a walk-on last fall, averaged 41.9 yards per punt. Archer also can call on sophomore Brian Griffith, who specializes in pinning opponents inside their 20-yard line.



Louisiana State's special teams: (clockwise, from top left) Darrell Williams, Tommy Fabacher, David Browndyke, Chris Moock, Jimmy Young, Jay Egloff, Gordy Rush, Vincent Fuller and Slip Watkins.

SPECIAL TEAMS

1. LOUISIANA STATE

Players: Rene' Bourgeois, P; David Browndyke, K; Jay Egloff, KC; Vincent Fuller, KR; Slip Watkins, KR; Darrell Williams, KC; Jimmy Young, KR.

Comment: Egloff and Williams use a body count to chart their performance. Browndyke is as consistent as they come. Watkins and Young are constant threats to break off a long return.

2. UCLA

Players: Randy Beverly, KR; Brian Brown, KR; Kirk Maggio, P; Roman Phifer, KC; Alfredo Velasco, K; Shawn Wills, KR.

Comment: Brown and Wills can burn opponents inside and out. Velasco is a sure shot from 40 yards and in. Maggio spots his punts well but must improve his distance.

3. OKLAHOMA

Players: Jason Belser, KC; Rod Fisher, KR; Mike Gaddis, KR; R.D. Lashar, K; Glyn Milburn, KR; Brad Reddell, P; Don Smitherman, KC; Kevin Thompson, KR.

Comment: Belser is the best coverage man in the Big Eight. Milburn and Gaddis have few peers speedwise. Reddell, a redshirt freshman, was impressive in spring ball.

4. HAWAII

Players: Sean Abreu, KC; Kyle Ah Loo, P; Walter Briggs, KR; Jason Elam, K; Larry Khan-Smith, KR; Clayton Mahuka, KR.

Comment: The Rainbows feature some of the nation's most intimidating hitters. Khan-Smith rates with the top kick returners. Elam and Ah Loo form the best kicking duo in the West.

5. MICHIGAN STATE

Players: Tony Briningstool, KC; Chuck Bullough, KC; Josh Butland, P; Tico Duckett, KR; Blake Ezor, KR; Courtney Hawkins, KR; Brian Jones, KC; John Langeloh, K.

Comment: Butland and Langeloh continue the Spartans' line of excellent kickers. Ezor is explosive, and Hawkins is compared to former Michigan State star Andre Rison.

A host of return men are available. The top kickoff returner is senior speedster Slip Watkins, who averaged 21.8 yards on 17 returns. He will be joined by sophomores Vincent Fuller and Wayne Williams, both of whom averaged better than 22 yards per return, and junior Harvey Williams, who sat out 1988 with a knee injury. Senior Jimmy Young (7.7-yard average) will field most of the punts.

All-SEC placekicker David Browndyke made 19 of 23 field-goal attempts last year and has not missed in 80 collegiate extra-point tries. This will be the first season the senior has had to kick from the ground instead of a tee, but Archer saw no problems in spring practice.

"It's amazing," he said. "It hasn't affected David at all. He's actually faster and he's in rhythm and his range is the same."

Which isn't all that great. Beyond 40 yards, Browndyke is iffy. But if that's all Archer has to worry about, LSU's special teams are in good shape. ■

LINEBACKER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Cornell's Mitch Lee makes quite an impact on the Ivy

By SCOTT PITONIAK
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

After watching Mitch Lee steal the show during a high school all-star game three summers ago, Syracuse Coach Dick MacPherson sounded like a fisherman who had just watched a prize catch wriggle off his hook.

"That Mitch Lee definitely is a major-college player," he said. "Tell (Cornell Coach) Maxie Baughan he's going to have a lot of fun coaching that young man."

MacPherson wound up being right on both counts. Lee definitely is a Division I-A player in Division I-AA clothing, and Baughan did have tons of fun coaching him before resigning last spring.

"He's one of those kids you don't have to do much coaching with," Baughan said of the 6-foot, 225-pound linebacker. "You just send him out there and watch the helmets fly."

Considering all the attention Lee had received from major-college recruiters, it was surprising when he turned down a full scholarship from Syracuse to attend Cornell, where his undergraduate curriculum is geared toward the pursuit of a master's degree in business administration. He said he had nothing against Syracuse; he just felt an Ivy League education would benefit him more down the road.

No one was happier with his decision than Baughan. "The minute I saw films of him in high school, I knew he could be an impact player," Baughan said. "I said this kid will have an impact not only on our team, but the league as a whole. So far, he's proven me right."

Lee was the most dominating player in the Ivy League as a junior last fall, earning All-Ivy honors as he set a school record with 157 tackles in 10 games.

"Mitch had the potential to be an excellent player at a major college, so it really isn't a surprise that he would come to this level and control things the way he has," said Baughan, who resigned in the wake of a published report that he was involved romantically with the wife of one of his assistants. "Without question, he's the best athlete I've recruited in my six years here. He may be the most gifted football player in the school's history."

If Lee lacks anything it is height, but he more than compensates with amazing strength, quickness and leaping ability. Baughan still marvels about the time before a practice when Lee walked over to a bench press and hoisted 275 pounds off his chest 27 times in a row. Assistant coach Pete Noyes remembers looking on in disbelief as Lee jumped three feet off the ground from a standing start in the team's vertical-leap testing.

"Remember now," Noyes said, "this guy was air-lifting 225 pounds of steel-like muscle off the ground."

Lee also is pretty good at transporting that steel-like muscle swiftly around a football field.

"Some guys have a range of about 15 to 20 yards; Mitch's range is sideline to sideline," Noyes said. "I think that's one reason he's in on so many tackles. He isn't merely a straight-ahead stuffer, but he's strong enough to handle that role, too, if need be."

Lee excelled at both linebacker and running back at Brighton High School in Rochester, N.Y. When he arrived at Cornell in 1986, he couldn't decide which position to play. Neither could his coaches. So, they asked him to go both ways on their freshman team.

Lee began the 1987 season as a backup middle linebacker and a fullback in short-yardage situations. By the end of the year he was starting on defense, and his mind was made up. He wanted to concentrate solely on one spot, and that spot was linebacker.

"It just seemed to me that you could have more of an impact as a middle linebacker," he said. "In our defense, the middle linebacker has the opportunity to be around the ball almost every play. You're always in on the action. At running back, you have fewer opportunities to make something happen."

Baughan was happy to play Lee wherever he felt most comfortable.

"The amazing thing about Mitch is that if he had chosen to become strictly a running back, he would have rushed for 1,000 yards and become an All-America at that position, too," Baughan said. "He's just that good an athlete."

In many respects, Lee reminds Baughan of Chicago Bears All-Pro linebacker Mike Singletary.

"When I was an assistant with Detroit, the Lions sent me down to Baylor to check out Singletary," he recalled. "A lot of scouts were down on him because of his lack of height, but when I looked at the films, I couldn't help but notice that this kid was in on every play, and man, could he hit."

Baughan is admittedly biased when the subject is Lee, but this isn't merely a case of a coach talking up a player. Baughan knows a thing or two about linebackers, having spent 13 National Football League seasons at the position. The former Georgia Tech star is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and was a nine-time Pro Bowl selection.

"Mitch has that feel, that instinct that the great linebackers have," Baughan said. "It's like they know what's going to unfold a split second before everyone else does."



Cornell linebacker Mitch Lee is a I-A player in I-AA clothing.

Lee doesn't do much hollering on the field. He prefers to talk softly and carry a big hit.

"I just don't get into that growling and jumping-up-and-down stuff," he said. "It's not that I don't have enthusiasm, because I have plenty of it. I just don't show it the same way some players do. It's like Coach Baughan said: 'Be cold-blooded gentlemen out there.' "

Lee stands out not only because of his extraordinary skills, but also because his jersey number—23—ordinarily would belong to a running back or defensive back.

"When I started playing organized football many years ago, I wanted number 32 because of O.J. Simpson and Jimmy Brown," Lee explained. "But somebody else already had it, so I decided to just reverse the numbers and wear 23. I've had chances to get 32 as I climbed the ladder, but I decided to stick with 23."

Of course, if he climbs another rung to the NFL, he'll have to change numbers because the NFL doesn't allow linebackers to wear numbers below 50.

"That's a concession," Lee said, laughing, "that I'll gladly make." ■

ALL-AMERICA PREVIEW

QUARTERBACKS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Scott Davis	6-02/187	Junior	North Texas
2.	John Friesz	6-04/216	Senior	Idaho
3.	Frank Baur	6-05/214	Senior	Lafayette
4.	Greg Wyatt	6-03/200	Senior	Northern Arizona
5.	Matt DeGennaro	6-02/206	Junior	Connecticut
6.	Michael Proctor	6-04/205	Senior	Morehead State
7.	John Evans	6-05/195	Senior	Lamar
8.	John Gregory	6-03/218	Senior	Marshall
9.	Mike Buck	6-03/225	Senior	Maine
10.	Scott Stoker	5-08/157	Senior	Northwestern State



Wyatt

RUNNING BACKS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Tim Lester	5-10/190	Soph.	Eastern Kentucky
2.	Bryan Keys	5-09/195	Senior	Pennsylvania
3.	Ron Darby	5-07/175	Senior	Marshall
4.	Tony Citizen	5-10/197	Senior	McNeese State
5.	Chris Thomas	5-09/181	Senior	Boise State
6.	Adrian Johnson	6-01/210	Senior	The Citadel
7.	Judd Garrett	6-02/210	Senior	Princeton
8.	Walter Dean	6-00/190	Senior	Grambling State
9.	Ronald Humphrey	6-01/208	Senior	Miss. Valley St.
10.	Lavon Worley	5-07/180	Soph.	Northern Arizona



Citizen

WIDE RECEIVERS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Fred Barnett	6-01/200	Senior	Arkansas State
2.	Mike Smith	5-11/195	Senior	Towson State
3.	Fred Jones	5-10/175	Senior	Grambling State
4.	Glenny Moore	6-02/195	Soph.	Morgan State
5.	Steve Elmlinger	6-00/190	Senior	Indiana State



Barnett

TIGHT ENDS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Jackie Harris	6-03/219	Senior	Northeast Louisiana
2.	Peter Macon	6-03/225	Senior	Weber State
3.	David Jones	6-04/230	Junior	Delaware State
4.	Robert Coates	6-02/235	Senior	Western Kentucky
5.	Rodney Porter	6-01/215	Senior	Indiana State



Porter

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Mike Stant (T)	6-04/260	Senior	Nicholls State
2.	Reggie Lawson (T)	6-02/268	Senior	Northeast Louisiana
3.	Kelvin Dexter (G)	6-03/305	Junior	Weber State
4.	Patrick Johnson (G)	6-01/261	Soph.	Alabama State
5.	Steve Unger (C)	6-03/247	Senior	Idaho



Stant

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Glenn Mangold (T)	6-02/230	Senior	SW Texas State
2.	Winfred Bryant (T)	6-05/270	Senior	Nicholls State
3.	Giff Smith (E)	6-01/231	Junior	Georgia Southern
4.	Andre Finley (E)	6-02/230	Senior	Sam Houston State
5.	John Jurkovic (T)	6-03/285	Senior	Eastern Illinois



Mangold

LINEBACKERS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Mitch Lee	6-00/225	Senior	Cornell
2.	Darion Conner	6-03/249	Senior	Jackson State
3.	Demetrius Harrison	6-03/215	Senior	North Carolina A&T
4.	Bennie Goods	6-01/230	Junior	Alcorn State
5.	Craig Conner	5-11/200	Junior	Samford

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Garry Lewis	5-11/178	Senior	Alcorn State
2.	Dave Murphy	6-00/195	Senior	Holy Cross
3.	Daryl Holcombe	5-11/185	Senior	Eastern Illinois
4.	Dennis Smith	5-09/174	Senior	Northwestern State
5.	Craig Phillips	5-11/186	Senior	SW Missouri State



Murphy

SPECIALISTS

Rk.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Class	College
1.	Bart Bradley (P)	6-00/190	Senior	Sam Houston State
2.	Steve Christie (K)	6-00/190	Senior	William & Mary
3.	Chris Lutz (K)	5-11/200	Junior	Princeton
4.	Jeff Olivo (P)	5-09/160	Senior	Richmond
5.	Dewey Klein (K)	5-08/150	Soph.	Marshall



Christie

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TSN's TOP 20

1. NORTH TEXAS
Scott Davis ranks with any of the nation's best quarterbacks.

2. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Erk Russell has built a program that is better than many in Division I-A.

3. EASTERN KENTUCKY
The Colonels are strong where it counts most—in the trenches.

4. FURMAN
The Paladins are the best team in the best conference in Division I-AA.

5. IDAHO
The Vandals' only question mark is the new coaching staff.

6. DELAWARE
The well-drilled Blue Hens have set their sights on the national crown.

7. MARSHALL
The Thundering Herd lost some key players but little momentum.

8. JACKSON STATE
Boasting an excellent array of athletes, the Tigers will roar into the playoffs.

9. HOLY CROSS
If quarterback Jeff Wiley can be replaced, the Crusaders can rule the East.

10. APPALACHIAN STATE
The Mountaineers make it three Southern Conference teams in the Top 10.

11. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
The Lumberjacks could win most leagues, but they must fell North Texas.

12. BOISE STATE
The Broncos boast one of the finest coaching staffs in the country.

13. VILLANOVA
The Wildcats are an enigma. The talent to win is present; the effort hasn't been.

14. ARKANSAS STATE
The Indians play a killer schedule but will regain their spot among the elite.

15. FLORIDA A&M
The Rattlers are ready to strike with an abundance of skill-position talent.

16. LIBERTY
The Sam and Jerry Show could produce a Top 10 finish.

17. THE CITADEL
The Bulldogs would be ranked higher if they played in a weaker conference.

18. MURRAY STATE
With quarterback Michael Proctor, the Racers will light up the scoreboard.

19. LAFAYETTE
Quarterback Frank Baur makes the Leopards a worthy opponent.

20. GRAMBLING STATE
Never underestimate Eddie Robinson's Tigers, who rank as a national sleeper.

3 coaching resignations mark Ivy's off-season

By GARY FALLESEN
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

The Ivy League, normally a source of refuge for those who are tired of all the cheating and crime often connected with big-time college athletics, endured some scandal of its own in the off-season.

Three Ivy League coaches stepped down last spring, two in the wake of embarrassing public disclosures. Cornell's Maxie Baughan resigned after it was reported that he was having an affair with the wife of one of his assistant coaches, while Columbia's Larry McElreavy quit when he was accused of letting drinking and an extramarital affair affect his job.

"This type of publicity can't help (the league), but those are personal issues," said Carm Cozza, who is entering his 25th season as Yale's coach.

Perhaps it was just a matter of time before the Ivy was touched by such events. "Look around the country," Cozza said. "It's one thing or another—probation or something like this."

On a brighter note, the circumstances under which Ed Zubrow left Pennsylvania were commendable. Zubrow, who had led the Quakers to a three-year record of 23-7 and a pair of Ivy League championships (including a shared title with Cornell last season), resigned to head the Philadelphia School District's fight against drugs and a high dropout rate. He was replaced by Gary Steele, a Penn assistant since 1983 and the defensive coordinator since 1986.

Steele knows he has a tough act to follow, but he isn't worried.

"If you look at a successful program," he said, "it doesn't rise and fall on the shoulders of one man. Penn football is going to be Penn football."

And that means good football. The Quakers have won or shared six of the last seven Ivy titles, and they are favored again in 1989.

TSN PREDICTIONS

1. **PENNSYLVANIA**
   There's talent galore, but Zubrow's departure makes the Quakers a tough call.
2. **CORNELL**
   With Baughan gone and less talent on hand, this rating may be a bit lofty.
3. **DARTMOUTH**
   Led by quarterback Johnson, the Big Green is a big-time contender.
4. **HARVARD**
   With Restic stalking the sideline, the Crimson can't be taken lightly.
5. **YALE**
   Seven home games and Cozza give the Bulldogs high hopes.
6. **PRINCETON**
   Garrett must carry the Tigers, who are entering a gunfight with a popgun offense.
7. **BROWN**
   The addition of assistant coach Steckel bodes well for the Bears' future.
8. **COLUMBIA**
   These Lions are anything but vicious. It's obvious these are student-athletes.

PENNSYLVANIA

Coach: Gary Steele (first year at Penn).
1988 record: 9-1. Ivy: 6-1/T1st.
Key losses: Colin Abernathy, OT; Dan Bauer, DT; Jim Beato, FB; Bill Caughell, LB; Tom Charters, S; Tom Gizzi, C; Mike Henley, LB; John Lelas, OT; Scott Sandler, WR; Dave Smith, CB; Kyle Stephenson, NG; Dolph Tokarczyk, TE; John Zinser, OG.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Malcolm Glover, QB, 6-0/180, Sr.; Bryan Keys, RB, 5-9/195, Sr.; Armin Moshyedi, G, 6-2/220, Sr.; Dave Whaley, SE, 6-1/190, Sr. **Defense (5):** Steve Bankston, LB, 5-11/185, Jr.; Franklin Ferguson, CB, 6-0/210, Sr.; Mark Fessler, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Steve Johnson, S, 6-0/180, Sr.; Eric Poderys, T, 6-2/220, Sr.
Key returnees: Dave Amodio P, Sr.; Bill Anasti, WR, Sr.; Rodney Archer, RB, Jr.; Gary Delleskey, OT, Sr.; Mark Duffie, TE, Jr.; Jon Ford, LB, Jr.; Rich Friedenberg, K, Jr.; Rich Gay, CB, Sr.; Brian Griffin, LB, Jr.; Steve Hooper, RB, Sr.; Mike Iulianno, NG, Sr.; Zac Kirk, S, Sr.; Mark Ligos, S, Sr.; P.J. Maley, RB, Sr.; Kevin Morrison, OG, Sr.
Top newcomers: Jay Lee, LB (JV); Brian Matthews, RB (JV); Fitz McKinnon, QB (JV).
Schedule: At Colgate, Sept. 16; Lafayette, Sept. 23; at Columbia, Oct. 7; Brown, Oct. 14; Bucknell, Oct. 21; at Yale, Oct. 28; Princeton, Nov. 4; at Harvard, Nov. 11; Dartmouth, Nov. 18; Cornell, Nov. 23.
Site: Philadelphia.

After Gary Steele was named Ed Zubrow's successor last March, an 18-year-old recruit asked him, "Coach, how are you going to put your fingerprints on the program?"

His answer: "If you look at the program, my fingerprints are all over it."

Steele made Penn's defense as tough as, well, steel. The Steele Curtain led the league in passing defense and was second in scoring defense last year.

Six starters are gone from that unit, though, including All-Ivy picks Dan Bauer at tackle and Mike Henley at linebacker. But Penn is not without returning defensive talent, including All-Ivy safety Steve Johnson, the league's top defensive back, and tackle Eric Poderys.

"Penn's defense, in the end, will be the Penn defense it has been in the past," Steele said. "We'll get the job done."

The Quakers, however, may be more offensive than in the past, even with the loss of seven starters.

All-conference running back Bryan Keys is probably the leading candidate for Ivy League Player of the Year honors. He was the league's top rusher last season with 1,165 yards, and he needs just 645 yards to become the school's career rushing leader.

Keys, quarterback Malcolm Glover and split end Dave Whaley give Steele experienced talent at the skill positions. Glover was Division I-AA's 19th-ranked passer last season while completing 54.2 percent of his passes for 1,498 yards.

Four starting offensive linemen are gone, including All-Ivy picks Tom Gizzi and John Zinser. Guard Armin Moshyedi is the only starter back up front. But again, Steele is confident.

"My goal is this," he said. "When we get into November, I just want to be playing for the championship. I think we'll be in that position."

The Quakers' kicking game is solid with Rich Friedenberg and punter Dave Amodio. Friedenberg converted 15 of 23 field-goal attempts and all 28 extra-point kicks a year ago. Amodio averaged only 33.6 yards per punt, but his hang time and placement were so good that opponents returned just 16 of his 42 punts for a total of 27 yards.

CORNELL

Coach: Jack Fouts (first year at Cornell; 77-93-9 overall, 20 years).
1988 record: 7-2-1. Ivy: 6-1/T1st.
Key losses: Sam Brickley, WR; Mark Burden, OG; Howie Capek, C; Costa Harbilas, DT; Mike Haseltine, OT; Doug Langan, OG; Steve Lutz, HB; Scott Malaga, FB; Mike McGrann, LB; Dave Pollin, DE; Mike Ready, WR; John Sieger, OT; Aaron Sumida, QB; Len Tokish, LB; Marc Warrington, TE; Corky Webb, S; Derrick Willmott, DT.
Starters returning: Offense (0). Defense (5): Mitch Lee, LB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Ardrell Mannings, E, 6-3/222, Jr.; Evan Parke, CB, 6-1/190, Sr.; Rob Ryder, E, 6-2/230, Jr.; Paul Tully, CB, 5-10/181, Sr.
Key returnees: Andy Bednar, K, Sr.; Mike Brown, S, Sr. (switched from HB); Chris Cochrane, QB, Jr.; Chris Finn, LB, Sr.; Drew Fraser, OG, Sr.; Doug Geiser, C, Sr.; Bob Logue, LB, Sr.; Scott Miller, P, Jr.; Frank Monago, WR, Sr.; Paul Olszowka, OT, Sr.; Dale Printy, WR, Sr.; Richard Rand, HB, Sr.; Paul Simic, OG, Sr.; Mike Strigel, LB, Sr.
Top newcomers: Chris Field, OG (transfer/Northern Illinois); Greg Finnegan, C (transfer/Air Force); Don Flemming, WR (JV); Andy Martin, WR (JV); John McNiff, FB (RS); Mike Smalyga, FB (transfer/Maine).
Schedule: At Bucknell, Sept. 23; Northeastern, Sept. 30; Lafayette, Oct. 7; Harvard, Oct. 14; at Brown, Oct. 21; Dartmouth, Oct. 28; at Yale, Nov. 4; Columbia, Nov. 11; at Princeton, Nov. 18; at Pennsylvania, Nov. 23.
Site: Ithaca, N.Y.

After tying Penn for the Ivy crown last fall, Cornell lost its entire starting offensive unit, six defensive starters and its coach. Even so, the Big Red should give Penn some tough competition in 1989.

"Cornell, defensively, has a lot back up front," Penn's Steele said. "They were a strong, physical group last year. That alone will make them a force to be reckoned with."

Cornell's biggest force is All-Ivy middle linebacker Mitch Lee, who set a school record with 157 tackles last year. Lee, a solid National Football League prospect, will be Keys' toughest competition for Ivy Player of the Year honors.

All-Ivy cornerback Evan Parke and safety Mike Brown, who returns to his natural position after helping out at halfback last season, spearhead a promising sec-



Penn's Bryan Keys was the Ivy's top rusher last season with 1,165 yards.

ondary. The line looks weak in the middle, but end Ardrell Mannings is a good one.

Rebuilding the offense will be Cornell's biggest chore this year, but Jack Fouts, Maxie Baughan's successor, should be up to the task. He has been coaching football for four decades, including 20 years as head coach at Ohio Wesleyan and the last five years as the Big Red's offensive line coach.

Fouts' area of expertise was wiped out by graduation, but there is plenty of talent on hand to form another strong wall. Look for sophomore guard Chris Field, a transfer from Northern Illinois, to make some noise up front.

The quarterback will be Chris Cochrane, who completed 12 of 27 passes as a sophomore backup last year. He will be handing off to speedy fullback John McNiff and halfback Richard Rand (both of whom had injury problems in '88) and passing to Frank Monago and Dale Printy.

DARTMOUTH

Coach: Buddy Teevens (7-13, 2 years; 20-22 overall, 4 years).
1988 record: 5-5. Ivy: 4-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Neil Abramson, S; David Anderson, WR; Mike Campanale, CB; Dave Gazzaniga, C; Chris Keck, TE; Paul Michael, LB; Craig Morton, WR; Scott Sims, CB; Paul Sorensen, LB; Jay Swett, LB; Matt Walko, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (7): David Clark, FB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Matt Dunning, T, 6-6/275, Jr.; Chad Gallentine, G, 6-2/255, Jr.; David Janssen, G, 6-2/240, Sr.; Mark Johnson, QB, 6-4/185, Sr.; Brendan Mahoney, TB, 5-8/170, Jr.; Harris Siskind, T, 6-0/250, Sr. **Defense (4):** Chris Casturo, S, 6-0/180, Sr.; Pete Chapman, NG, 6-1/225, Jr.; Kevin Luensmann, T, 6-3/240, Sr.; Mike O'Flynn, T, 6-1/230, Jr.
Key returnees: Rob Hibbard, P, Sr.; Shon Page, TB, Sr. (RS); Carl Romero, K, Sr.; Al Rosier, TB, Jr. (RS).
Top newcomers: Jerry Gilbert, WR (JV); Mark Mader, LB (JV); Harry Wright, LB (JV).
Schedule: Princeton, Sept. 16; Boston University, Sept. 23; at Bucknell, Sept. 30; Holy Cross, Oct. 7; Yale, Oct. 14; at Harvard, Oct. 21; at Cornell, Oct. 28; at Columbia, Nov. 4; Brown, Nov. 11; at Pennsylvania, Nov. 18.
Site: Hanover, N.H.

The Big Green has won or shared more football titles (13) than any other team in the league. But that's Ancient Eight history. Last year's 5-5 finish was the first non-losing season for the school since 1982.

"Dartmouth has made strides the last year or two," Penn's Steele said. "I wouldn't sell them short."

Nor would third-year Coach Buddy Teevens, who acknowledges the improvement from 2-8 in 1987 to a .500 record in '88, but warns: "We can never be complacent or satisfied. We're very pleased to be on the upswing. But I've told the team that 5-5 is as close to being on the bottom as it is to being on top."

Dartmouth returns seven starters on offense, including quarterback Mark Johnson, who passed for more yards (2,262) than any other Ivy League passer in '88. But the Big Green's receiving corps was decimated by graduation. All-Ivy pick Craig Morton, who rewrote the receiving section of the school's record book, is among those who moved on.

Fullback David Clark and tailback Brendan Mahoney will run behind an experienced line led by tackle Harris Siskind. "Last year," Teevens said, "we controlled the ball more often than not with the pass. But with more experienced linemen, we hope to balance our attack."

With fewer experienced receivers, Dartmouth will have to balance its attack if it hopes to finish in the first division again.

The kicking team features All-Ivy punter Rob Hibbard, who averaged 37.7 yards per kick last season, and placekicker Carl Romero, who was successful on 11 of 16 field-goal tries and all 24 extra-point kicks. Defensively, however, all four linebackers (including All-Ivy pick Paul Michael) and three of four backs are gone. But the defensive line, anchored by tackle Kevin Luensmann, returns intact.

Teevens said that enough of his '88 backups saw action last year that filling the holes shouldn't be a big problem. "We expect to keep moving in the right direction," he said.

HARVARD

Coach: Joe Restic (97-68-5, 18 years).
1988 record: 2-8. Ivy: 2-5/T6th.
Key losses: Peter Allen, DE; John Bartholomew, OT; Jim Bell, DT; Tony Consigli, C; Maurice Frilot, OG; Don Gajewski, TE; Tony Hinz, HB; Tony Molinari, S; Henry Olson, CB; Don Peterson, DE; Neil Phillips, SE; Shawn Sensky, OG; Greg Ubert, LB; Tom Yohe, QB.
Starters returning: Offense (3): Gerald Mahon, T, 6-3/240, Sr.; Art McMahon, FB, 5-10/195, Sr.; Jim Reidy, WB, 5-9/190, Sr.
Defense (4): Bobby Frame, S, 5-11/180, Sr.; Greg Gicewicz, MG, 6-1/230, Sr.; Rick McIntire, LB, 6-1/215, Sr.; Jim Smith, CB, 6-1/200, Sr (may switch to S).
Key returnees: Mike Bertuccio, C, Sr.; Mark Bianchi, SE, Sr.; John Brzezenski, OT, Jr.; Buz Crain, OG, Sr.; Silas Myers, WB, Sr.; Tim Perry, QB, Sr.; Rich Puccio, DT, Sr.; Chris Rezendes, CB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Pat Boultinghouse, TE (JV); Geoff Fletcher, RB (JV); Jeff Iafrati, DB (JV).
Schedule: At Columbia, Sept. 16; Holy Cross, Sept. 23; at Army, Sept. 30; Lehigh, Oct. 7; at Cornell, Oct. 14; Dartmouth, Oct. 21; Princeton, Oct. 28; at Brown, Nov. 4; Pennsylvania, Nov. 11; at Yale, Nov. 18.
Site: Cambridge, Mass.

Harvard slipped from undisputed Ivy champion in 1987 to a sixth-place tie in '88. But most observers believe the reversal of its '87 record of 8-2 probably was a fluke.

"Harvard is not a 2-8 ball team," said Ray Tellier, Columbia's new coach.

The Crimson should improve this season, but the question is how much. Both sides of the ball were hit hard by graduation.

Veteran Coach Joe Restic must replace quarterback Tom Yohe and his three leading receivers, making the passing game a question mark. Four of five starters off what might have been the league's top line also are gone.

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DIVISION I-AA

IVY LEAGUE DATA

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-IVY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	MIKE GEROUX, Brown
WR	DAVE WHALEY, Pennsylvania
TE	MATT LESS, Columbia
T	GERALD MAHON, Harvard
T	HARRIS SISKIND, Dartmouth
C	BOB SURACE, Princeton
G	CHRIS FIELD, Cornell
G	ARMIN MOSHYEDI, Pennsylvania
QB	MARK JOHNSON, Dartmouth
RB	JUDD GARRETT, Princeton
RB	BRYAN KEYS, Pennsylvania

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	KEVIN LUENSMANN, Dartmouth
DL	ARDRELL MANNINGS, Cornell
DL	BOB PASCHALL, Columbia
DL	ERIC PODERYS, Pennsylvania
LB	JIM BURKE, Brown
LB	MITCH LEE, Cornell
LB	FRANCO PAGNANELLI, Princeton
LB	JON REESE, Yale
DB	RICH HUFF, Yale
DB	STEVE JOHNSON, Pennsylvania
DB	FRANK LEAL, Princeton
DB	EVAN PARKE, Cornell

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	CHRIS LUTZ, Princeton
P	ROB HIBBARD, Dartmouth

1988 STATS LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Bryan Keys, Pennsylvania, 116.5 yds.pg (248 att., 1,165 yds., 4.7 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Malcolm Glover, Pennsylvania, 121.8 rating pts. (190 att., 103 comp., 1,498 yds.).
Total offense: Mark Johnson, Dartmouth, 218.4 yds.pg (-78 yds. rushing, 2,262 yds. passing, 2,184 total yds.).
Receiving: Judd Garrett, Princeton, 6.6 rec.pg (66 rec., 634 yds., 9.6 avg.).
Scoring: Bryan Keys, Pennsylvania, 8.4 pts.pg (14 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 84 pts.).
Punting: Rob Hibbard, Dartmouth, 37.7 avg. (46 punts, 1,733 yds.).
Punt returns: Brendan Mahoney, Dartmouth, 8.4 avg. (22 att., 184 yds., 1 TD).
Kickoff returns: Steve Hooper, Pennsylvania, 22.9 avg. (12 att., 275 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Chris Lutz, Princeton, 1.90 FG.pg (19/24 FGs, 79.2%).
Interceptions: Frank Leal, Princeton, .60 int.pg (6 int., 112 yds., 0 TDs).

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Pennsylvania	6	1	0	9	1	0
Cornell	6	1	0	7	2	1
Princeton	4	3	0	6	4	0
Dartmouth	4	3	0	5	5	0
Yale	3	3	1	3	6	1
Columbia	2	5	0	2	8	0
Harvard	2	5	0	2	8	0
Brown	0	6	1	0	9	1

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

But there's enough beef back (led by tackle Gerald Mahon) to make the Crimson's ground game go. Fullback Art McMahon, wingbacks Jim Reidy and Silas Myers and quarterback Tim Perry (who runs the option well) ranked second through fifth in rushing for Harvard last year.

Defensively, middle guard Greg Gicewicz anchors a line that could be solid even after the loss of All-Ivy picks Jim Bell and Don Peterson. There are holes at other positions and the team's kicking game is suspect but, Tellier said, "I expect Harvard to bounce back."

Said Steele: "Harvard, year in and year out, has athletes who are as good as anyone else's. So does Yale."

YALE

Coach: Carm Cozza (142-76-5, 24 years).
1988 record: 3-6-1. Ivy: 3-3-1/5th.
Key losses: Mike Barry, LB; Joe DaSilva, OG; Jim D'Onofrio, DT; Steve Essick, S (back injury); Art Kalman, OT; Ron Lewis, OT; Don Lund, LB; Chris Plunkett, TE; Jeff Rudolph, OG; Tom Szuba, WB; Buddy Zachery, TB.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Kevin Callahan, FB, 5-11/180, Jr.; Mike Ciotti, C, 6-0/230, Sr.; Stanley Edwards, SE, 5-10/180, Sr.; Darin Kehler, QB, 5-9/175, Jr. **Defense (7):** Chris Brown, S, 6-0/170, Sr.; Rich Huff, CB, 5-11/167, Sr.; Glover Lawrence, MG, 6-5/220, Sr.; Tom O'Brien, T, 6-4/225, Sr. (switched to LB); Jon Reese, LB, 5-11/193, Sr.; Scott Simmonds, LB, 5-11/213, Sr.; Bob Stokes, CB, 6-1/177, Sr.
Key returnees: Bruce Bottorff, DT, Sr.; Mike Browne, LB, Jr. (RS); Pete Caravella, SE, Jr.; Mark Eidemueller, OG, Sr.; Chris Gaughan, LB, Jr.; Brian Hennen, S, Sr.; Chris Rutan, S, Sr.; Reggie Sellars, WB, Sr.; Mark Semlow, C, Jr.; Bob Verduzco, QB, Jr. (RS/knee); Derrick Williams, DB, Sr. (RS); Scott Wollam, DT, Sr.
Top newcomers: Nick Crawford, QB (transfer/Davidson); Jeff Gromlowicz, DT (JV); Chris Kouri, FB (JV); Ed Perks, K (JV); Carmine Perrelli, DT (JV); Craig Vickery, LB (JV).
Schedule: Brown, Sept. 16; Lehigh, Sept. 23; Connecticut, Sept. 30; Colgate, Oct. 7; at Dartmouth, Oct. 14; at Columbia, Oct. 21; Pennsylvania, Oct. 28; Cornell, Nov. 4; at Princeton, Nov. 11; Harvard, Nov. 18.
Site: New Haven, Conn.

Handsome Dan, the Elis' bulldog mascot, will stalk the sidelines for the 100th year this season. That's even longer than Carm Cozza has been coach.

The dean of the Ivy's head coaches has a team that will play seven games at the Yale Bowl, including the season-ending showdown with Harvard. That favorable slate should help compensate for the loss of many talented players.

The biggest losses were suffered on offense. Yale lost four starting linemen, including All-Ivy picks Art Kalman and Jeff Rudolph from the right side. Cozza will rebuild around center Mike Ciotti.

The depleted line and the loss of tailback Buddy Zachery will hurt the Bulldogs' running game, but their passing attack should improve after ranking seventh in the league a year ago. Quarterback Bob Verduzco returns after going down for the year with a knee injury in the '88 season opener.

Yale's strength will be its defense, particularly its secondary, which ranked 13th in Division I-AA against the pass last season. Cornerback Rich Huff and safety Chris Brown are the top performers on a deep, experienced unit that will miss Steve Essick, whose career ended a year early when it was discovered that he has a thin spinal column.

Inside linebacker Jon Reese and middle guard Glover Lawrence also lead a defense that should give Handsome Dan more and Cozza less to bark about this fall.

PRINCETON

Coach: Steve Tosches (12-8, 2 years).
1988 record: 6-4. Ivy: 4-3/T3rd.
Key losses: Kevin Coupe, OT; Greg DiFelice, FB; Jason Garrett, QB; Chris Robertshaw, OG; Mark Rockefeller, TE; Ray Ryan, LB; George Sarcevich, OT; Rob Vanden Noven, DT; Rob Walker, DE; Dave Wix, WR.
Starters returning: Offense (4): Judd Garrett, HB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Scott Gibbs, WR, 5-11/170, Sr.; Ed Record, G, 6-2/250, Sr.; Bob Surace, C, 6-2/240, Sr. **Defense (7):** Vince Avallone, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Greg Burton, S, 5-11/185, Sr.; Rick Emery, E, 6-4/250, Sr.; Steve Hillegeist, T, 6-2/235, Sr.; Mike Hirou, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; Frank Leal, CB, 6-1/190, Sr.; Franco Pagnanelli, LB, 6-0/245, Sr.
Key returnees: Chris Lutz, K, Jr.; Brad Remig, QB/P, Sr.
Top newcomers: Aaron Harris, LB (JV); Chris Theiss, OT (JV).
Schedule: At Dartmouth, Sept. 16; William & Mary, Sept. 23; at Holy Cross, Sept. 30; at Brown, Oct. 7; Columbia, Oct. 14; Fordham, Oct. 21; at Harvard, Oct. 28; at Pennsylvania, Nov. 4; Yale, Nov. 11; Cornell, Nov. 18.
Site: Princeton, N.J.

Nomadic quarterback Jason Garrett, who left Princeton after his freshman year only to return following one season at Columbia, is gone again. But this time for good.

Garrett, the league's 1988 Player of the Year, graduated after passing for 2,217 yards and setting a I-AA record for completion percentage (.682) last season. "Garrett was phenomenal for this program..." Tigers Coach Steve Tosches said. "You don't replace a player like that, but we have to get productivity out of that position. We're not going to line up with a quarterback who just hands off."

Brad Remig, the Tigers' punter, is among six candidates for the wide-open quarterback job.

There still is a Garrett in Princeton's lineup. Judd, Jason's younger brother, is a senior halfback who rushed for 940 yards and led the league in receiving. He caught 66 of Jason's 204 completions last season.

Garrett will be running behind a largely inexperienced line anchored by veteran center Bob Surace. The only other offensive threat returning is All-America placekicker Chris Lutz, who converted 19 of 24 field-goal attempts last year to lead Division I-AA.

The Tigers should be stronger on defense, where linebacker Franco Pagnanelli (a punishing hitter) and All-Ivy cornerback Frank Leal are among the league's best at their positions. Seven defensive starters return, including the entire secondary.

BROWN

Coach: John Rosenberg (21-25-3, 5 years).
1988 record: 0-9-1. Ivy: 0-6-1/8th.
Key losses: Jim Anderson, OG; Darryl Heggans, CB; Greg Kylish, LB; Joe Madden, OT; Matt Merrick, SE; Matt Nalbandian, LB; Dave Pearson, OT; George Pyne, OG; John Vidmar, P; Lane Wood, FB.
Starters returning: Offense (5): Nick Badalato, TB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Danny Clark, QB, 6-2/185, Sr.; Mike Geroux, FL, 5-11/180, Jr.; Steve Harrison, TE, 6-5/240, Sr.; Dave Tauber, C, 6-1/240, Sr. **Defense (8):** Jim Burke, LB, 6-1/235, Sr.; George Dzuro, S, 6-1/175, Jr.; John Francis, CB, 5-11/170, Sr.; Steve Kapfer, LB, 6-1/215, Sr.; Greg Patrick, S, 6-1/195, Jr.; Chris Rains, NG, 6-2/255, Jr.; David Slates, T, 6-2/235, Jr. (may switch to OG); Reid Smith, T, 6-3/250, Jr.
Key returnees: Ron Berger, TE, Sr.; Ron Dalgliesh, DT, Jr.; Greg Giardi, WR, Sr.; Ralph Green, TE, Jr. (RS/knee); Sam Jin, OT, Jr.; Stephan Lins, K, Sr.; Scott Perry, LB, Jr.; Anthony Smith, CB, Sr.; Rodney Vincent, RB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Pat Graham, K (JV); Marty Kronz, WR (JV); Jason Pankau, LB (JV); Paul Sacco, P (JV); Brad Sidwell, LB (JV); Jon Skinner, FB (transfer/Davidson); Rodd Torbert, WR (JV); Rich Willis, QB (transfer/Texas-El Paso).
Schedule: At Yale, Sept. 16; at Colgate, Sept. 23; Rhode Island, Sept. 30; Princeton, Oct. 7; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 14; Cornell, Oct. 21; at Holy Cross, Oct. 28; Harvard, Nov. 4; at Dartmouth, Nov. 11; Columbia, Nov. 18.
Site: Providence, R.I.

The Bears' freshmen did not become sophomore sensations a year ago. Coach John Rosenberg went with players who lacked varsity experience and watched his team tumble from 7-3 in 1987 to 0-9-1.

"The playing time that the sophomores and juniors received last fall," he said, "should pay dividends during the upcoming season."

Brown still is inexperienced on the offensive line. But if that unit, anchored by center Dave Tauber, can pass block, opposing secondaries may think the sky is falling. Former Minnesota Vikings coach Les Steckel is the Bears' new offensive coordinator, and he plans to emphasize the passing game.

Brown was primarily an option team last season behind versatile quarterback Danny Clark. But Clark will share time this season with junior Rich Willis, a strong-armed transfer from Texas-El Paso. They will be looking for what Rosenberg calls "the strongest group (of receivers) that I've had in my years at Brown." Flanker Mike Geroux is the headliner.

Defensively, many of the players who suffered growing pains last season have returned. Cornerback John Francis and safeties George Dzuro and Greg Patrick return to a secondary that ranked 17th in I-AA against the pass. Linebacking also should be a plus with team-leading tackler Jim Burke back.

COLUMBIA

Coach: Ray Tellier (first year at Columbia; 21-26-1 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 2-8. Ivy: 2-5/T6th.
Key losses: John Alex, LB; Terry Brown, WR; Paul Childers, OT; Peter Davis, OT; Chris Della Pietra, QB; Matt Fox, WR; Dan Loflin, DT; Bill McGee, OG; Durc Savini, FB; Bennie Seybold, OG; Jim Taylor, C; Mark Zielinski, LB.
Starters returning: Offense (3): Greg Abbruzzese, TB, 6-1/205, Jr.; Matt Less, TE, 6-3/220, Sr.; Solomon Johnson, TB, 5-8/175, Jr. **Defense (8):** Bart Barnett, LB, 5-8/210, Sr.; Shay Bess, S, 6-1/190, Jr. (switched to WR); John DeSimone, S, 5-10/195, Jr.; Mike Holt, CB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Javier Loya, LB, 6-3/205, Jr.; Mike Murray, CB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Bob Paschall, MG, 5-10/245, Sr.; Paul Tomasi, T, 6-3/225, Sr.
Key returnees: Mike Anastasio, C, Sr.; Hector Carter, WR, Jr.; Gary Comstock, WR, Jr.; Terry Elliott, S, Sr.; Ron Kalyan, WR, Sr.; Chris Konovalchik, FB, Sr. (missed 8 games in '88/thumb); Bruce Mayhew, QB, Jr.; Brad McCormick, OG, Sr. (switched from DT); Matt Pollard, K, Sr.; Chris Reed, OT, Sr.; Rodger Schneidau, DT, Jr.; Tracy Seery, S, Sr.; Ed Takvor, OG, Sr.; Chris Whitelock, LB, Jr.
Top newcomers: Quinn Cochran, OT (JV); Bob Kent, MG (JV); Russ Scott, QB (JV).
Schedule: Harvard, Sept. 16; at Villanova, Sept. 23; at Lafayette, Sept. 30; Pennsylvania, Oct. 7; at Princeton, Oct. 14; Yale, Oct. 21; Bucknell, Oct. 28; Dartmouth, Nov. 4; at Cornell, Nov. 11; at Brown, Nov. 18.
Site: New York.



Princeton halfback Judd Garrett rushed for 940 yards last season and led the league in receiving.

Columbia fans were thrilled when the Lions beat Princeton, 16-13, last October to end their 44-game losing streak, the longest in major-college football history. They were elated when the Lions won again and finished 2-8, the team's best mark in a decade. But their joy was doused a few weeks later when Larry McElreavy had to resign.

Ray Tellier, however, is not so downbeat. "Kids are resilient," the new coach said. "They bounce back. They realized, 'Hey, let's get back to work.' There wasn't a mass exodus of players. They were waiting for someone to come in."

Tellier arrived from the University of Rochester, a Division III program he had helped raise from the dead. His first three teams at Rochester were 4-22-1; his last two were 17-4.

"I don't plan on losing for three years like we did in Rochester," Tellier said. "But patience is necessary."

Tellier believes he has enough talented young players to narrow the gap between Columbia and the rest of the league.

"There isn't a lot of difference between the teams in this league," Tellier said. "Columbia's come up and the top teams have come back to the pack a little bit."

Whether or not the Lions continue to improve rests on the shoulder pads of the offensive line. All five starters graduated off last year's team. New blockers must be found to free tailbacks Greg Abbruzzese and Ivy Sophomore of the Year Solomon Johnson, who combined for 1,430 yards rushing last fall. Tight end Matt Less has good hands and blocks well.

Tellier is hoping his defense can "keep us in games" early in the season. Most of the starting lineup has returned, including middle guard Bob Paschall, linebacker Bart Barnett and cornerback Mike Holt.

The Lions also have a kicker, Matt Pollard, who "may be the best in the league," said Tellier, who believes he can win with the players McElreavy recruited.

"We're not going back to ground zero," he promised. "We're not rebuilding. We're building with what was started." ■

Idaho quarterback puts foes in a deep Friesz

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If you've wondered what that extra "A" in Division I-AA football stands for, try "anonymity."

Face it, Natchitoches, La., and Itta Bena, Miss., are not exactly Ann Arbor and South Bend when it comes to football recognition. But even at a remote outpost such as Moscow, Idaho, a bright enough talent can shine out from under a basket —or potato bushel, if you will.

Such a talent is Idaho quarterback John Friesz, for whom I-AA also could signify first-team All-America, an honor he received after his junior season.

"He could be *the* best quarterback on the coast this season," said Washington State Coach Mike Price, who faced Friesz the last two years while coaching at Weber State. "He has an All-America arm, and from what I understand, he's an All-America off the field also."

Price's claim is supported by the mountainous statistics the 6-foot-4, 216-pound senior has compiled in his two years as a starter. Friesz passed for 3,677 yards and 28 touchdowns—with just 14 interceptions —in 11 regular-season games as a sophomore. He cooled off slightly last season, passing for 2,874 yards and 18 TDs in 10 regular-season games. And before an ankle sprain sent him to the sideline, Friesz led Divison I-AA in total offense (275.1 yards per game) and took Idaho to its second straight Big Sky Conference championship and the No. 1 ranking in the final regular-season I-AA poll.

Friesz (pronounced "freeze," to the unending delight of headline writers), now holds eight league records and a pair of Big Sky Offensive Player of the Year awards. And in a conference known for flightly offenses, Friesz has ascended to near-legendary status.

Here, in dust-jacket form, are some of the reviews he has received from opposing coaches:

"One of the top quarterbacks in the country. I feel he has the size and arm strength to be one of the top quarterback prospects for the NFL."—Northern Arizona's Larry Kentera.

"Without a doubt, a high draft choice." —Montana State's Earle Solomonson.

"The best pure passer I have seen."—Eastern Washington's Dick Zornes.

"He has great ability and certainly NFL potential, but the thing that impresses me the most is that he is a team player."—Boise State's Skip Hall.

"He is certainly an All-America and could play in any conference in the country."—Idaho State's Garth Hall.

So shouldn't this 6-4 quarterback with hair-trigger release be slicing up secondaries in the major markets instead of the secluded Big Sky venues?

"I've never thought about that for a second," Friesz said. "Some people have said, 'It's too bad you ended up at Idaho,' but I've never thought that at all.



In a conference known for flighty offenses, Idaho quarterback John Friesz has ascended to near-legendary status.

"I think the competition is really good, the skills are just about as good as anywhere else, just toned down a little. Guys are a little smaller, a little slower and maybe a little weaker."

Although he is content at Idaho, Friesz admits that he has compared himself to the big-timers he sees on television.

"I think that's probably a natural thing to do," he said. "I think in just dropping back and throwing the ball, I compare pretty good to most of them. But a lot of times, it seems like they can do something I can't do, like getting away from everybody."

Indeed, no one will mistake Friesz for Randall Cunningham. While he has a golden arm, he is anchored by leaden feet, needing 5.1 seconds to cover 40 yards. "Do you have to print that?" he asks.

Still, playing behind a veteran and impervious offensive line, Friesz was sacked less than twice a game last year.

"I know I need to improve my quickness and overall leg strength," he said.

Friesz's main problem last year was living up to the standards he had set in his wildly successful sophomore season. When he checked in with numbers befitting mere mortals, questions were asked.

"Last year I was distracted in the offseason by things like banquets and awards and that sort of thing," Friesz said. "It's not like I was just sitting around and daydreaming about all those things, but it kept me from preparing for the season the way I should have. I think that's why my worst games were at the beginning of the season; I started playing pretty well again at the end of the season."

Friesz's last appearance of 1988 came in the I-AA playoff quarterfinals against Northwestern (La.) State. An ankle sprain sent him to the bench early in the third quarter, but in that short appearance, Friesz hit 18 of 27 passes for 312 yards and four touchdowns. The Vandals held on to win that game, but without Friesz a week later they lost to Furman in the national semifinals.

"This year, the only pressures I'll have will be the ones I put on myself," he said. "My sophomore year I felt I had to prove I could play, and my junior year I had to prove my sophomore year wasn't a fluke. Now, people know I can play."

It wasn't always so.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is an idyllic resort and lumber town wedged between a picturesque lake and pine-forested foothills about 100 miles south of the Canadian border. It is not the type of town that often produces All-America quarterbacks.

Friesz's Coeur d'Alene High School team enjoyed great success, but Friesz did not even make the Idaho all-state team as a senior. And as a one-year starter, he hardly had to fight off stampeding recruiters. But Dennis Erickson, then Idaho's coach, saw his potential.

"We had him in a camp his senior year of high school and we saw that he had a great arm and the potential to be a real player," said Erickson, now in his first season at Miami (Fla.) after spending the last two at Washington State. "He's got such great size and arm strength, and with the coaching he's had, he's just blossomed as a player. I can't imagine there's a lot of people in the country with his capabilities."

Erickson claims Friesz's passing skills are on a par with Timm Rosenbach, who led Division I-A in passing efficiency at Washington State last season, and with current Miami quarterback Craig Erickson. Those skills have caused pro scouts to dust off their Idaho road maps and beat a path to Moscow.

"I find myself thinking about it more and more," Friesz said of taking a shot at pro football. "I guess it would be sort of strange, for a guy from Coeur d'Alene—even the whole state of Idaho. There aren't that many players raised in Idaho that get a chance at the pros.

"It's something I can't help but find myself daydreaming about." ■

BIG SKY DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. IDAHO
The loss of Kord Smith will hurt defensively, but there's no stopping the Vandal offense.

2. BOISE STATE
Skip Hall's team is talented but must play both Idaho and Montana on the road.

3. MONTANA
The Grizzlies have a bearish defense and one of the best special-team units in I-AA.

4. NEVADA-RENO
With Chris Ault, the league's best coach, the Wolf Pack will be a contender.

5. MONTANA STATE
A murderous non-conference schedule should toughen the Bobcats.

6. NORTHERN ARIZONA
Pass-happy quarterback Greg Wyatt will make the Lumberjacks competitive.

7. EASTERN WASHINGTON
The Eagles have some talented newcomers and rate as the conference sleeper.

8. IDAHO STATE
The '88 Bengals were winless. With Weber State on the schedule, a repeat is unlikely.

9. WEBER STATE
When a team finishes under .500 and loses its best players, the outlook is not rosy.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-BIG SKY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	LEE ALLEN, Idaho
WR	JON YOUNGBLOOD, Boise State
TE	PETER MACON, Weber State
T	TODD NEU, Idaho
T	KIRK SCRAFFORD, Montana
C	STEVE UNGER, Idaho
G	KELVIN DEXTER, Weber State
G	BRYAN RATZBURG, Montana State
QB	JOHN FRIESZ, Idaho
RB	CHRIS THOMAS, Boise State
RB	LAVON WORLEY, Northern Arizona

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	DAN EDWARDS, Montana
DL	ERIK HELGESON, Boise State
DL	NEIL HULBERT, Nevada-Reno
DL	MIKE ZELLER, Idaho
LB	TIM HAUCK, Montana
LB	JOHN LIBBY, Nevada-Reno
LB	MIKE RANKIN, Montana
LB	SCOTT RUSSELL, Boise State
DB	BERNARD ELLISON, Nevada-Reno
DB	GEORGE JACKSON, Nevada-Reno
DB	KENNY KUEHL, Boise State
DB	BRIAN SMITH, Idaho

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	KIRK DUCE, Montana
P	JODY FARMER, Montana

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Idaho	7	1	0	11	2	0
Montana	6	2	0	8	4	0
Boise State	5	3	0	8	4	0
Nevada-Reno	4	4	0	7	4	0
Northern Arizona	4	4	0	6	5	0
Weber State	4	4	0	5	6	0
Montana State	4	4	0	4	7	0
Eastern Washington	2	6	0	2	8	1
Idaho State	0	8	0	0	11	0

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

TEAM CHARTS

BOISE STATE

Coach: Skip Hall (14-9, 2 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 5-3/3rd.
Key players: Duane Halliday, QB; Terry Heffner, SE; Erik Helgeson, DE; Kenny Kuehl, S; Frank Robinson, CB; Scott Russell, LB; Chris Thomas, TB; Jon Youngblood, WR.
Schedule: Stephen F. Austin, Sept. 9; Long Beach State, Sept. 16; Oregon State, Sept. 23; at Weber State, Sept. 30; Idaho State, Oct. 7; Northern Arizona, Oct. 14; Montana State, Oct. 21; at Montana, Oct. 28; at Nevada-Reno, Nov. 4; Eastern Washington, Nov. 11; at Idaho, Nov. 18.
Site: Boise, Idaho.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Coach: Dick Zornes (61-41-2, 10 years).
1988 record: 2-8-1. Big Sky: 2-6/8th.
Key players: Darron Bennett, LB; Aaron Hansen, DL; Tony Lenseigne, TE; Jon McPherson, DE; Ed Powers, QB; Kevin Sargent, OT; Kurt Schulz, S.
Schedule: Nevada-Reno, Sept. 9; at Montana State, Sept. 16; Montana, Sept. 23; Northern Arizona, Sept. 30; Idaho State, Oct. 14; at Idaho, Oct. 21; Stephen F. Austin, Oct. 28; at Weber State, Nov. 4; at Boise State, Nov. 11; at Northern Iowa, Nov. 18.
Site: Cheney, Wash.

IDAHO

Coach: John L. Smith (first year at Idaho).
1988 record: 11-2 (including 2-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 7-1/1st.
Key players: Lee Allen, WR; John Friesz, QB; Todd Neu, OT; Brian Smith, S; Steve Unger, C; Mike Zeller, DT.
Schedule: At Washington State, Sept. 2; at Portland State, Sept. 9; Sacramento State, Sept. 16; at Weber State, Sept. 23; Montana, Sept. 30; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 7; at Montana State, Oct. 14; Eastern Washington, Oct. 21; Nevada-Reno, Oct. 28; at Idaho State, Nov. 4; Boise State, Nov. 18.
Site: Moscow, Idaho.

IDAHO STATE

Coach: Garth Hall (0-11, 1 year).
1988 record: 0-11. Big Sky: 0-8/9th.
Key players: Matt Bombard, K; Mark Campbell, LB; Ivor Filiaga, NG; Todd Jones, WR; Tony Manu, LB; Donald Miller, LB; Jason Whitmer, QB.
Schedule: At Northern Colorado, Sept. 9; Southern Utah State, Sept. 16; at Nevada-Reno, Sept. 23; Montana State, Sept. 30; at Boise State, Oct. 7; at Eastern Washington, Oct. 14; Northern Arizona, Oct. 28; Idaho, Nov. 4; at Montana, Nov. 11; Weber State, Nov. 18.
Site: Pocatello, Idaho.

MONTANA

Coach: Don Read (20-13, 3 years; 89-105-1 overall, 19 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 6-2/2nd.
Key players: Kirk Duce, K; Dan Edwards, DE; Jay Fagan, OG; Jody Farmer, RB/P; Dwayne Hans, CB; Tim Hauck, LB; Mike Rankin, LB; Kirk Scrafford, OT.
Schedule: Eastern New Mexico, Sept. 2; at Fresno State, Sept. 9; Portland State, Sept. 16; at Eastern Washington, Sept. 23; at Idaho, Sept. 30; Weber State, Oct. 7; Nevada-Reno, Oct. 14; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 21; Boise State, Oct. 28; at Montana State, Nov. 4; Idaho State, Nov. 11.
Site: Missoula, Mont.

MONTANA STATE

Coach: Earle Solomonson (5-17, 2 years; 29-19-1 overall, 4 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Big Sky: 4-4/T4th.
Key players: Anthony Curley, CB; Mark D'Agostino, LB; Rob Hatch, LB; Bryan Ratzburg, OG; John Skelton, LB; John Tetrault, QB; Corey Widmer, NG.
Schedule: At Kansas, Sept. 2; at Sam Houston State, Sept. 9; Eastern Washington, Sept. 16; New Mexico Highlands, Sept. 23; at Idaho State, Sept. 30; at Nevada-Reno, Oct. 7; Idaho, Oct. 14; at Boise State, Oct. 21; Weber State, Oct. 28; Montana, Nov. 4; at Northern Arizona, Nov. 11.
Site: Bozeman, Mont.

NEVADA-RENO

Coach: Chris Ault (106-46-1, 12 years).
1988 record: 7-4. Big Sky: 4-4/T4th.
Key players: Demetrius Davis, TE; Barry Dawson, OG; Tony Edwards, OT; Bernard Ellison, CB; Neil Hulbert, DE; George Jackson, S; John Libby, LB; James Reaves, WR.
Schedule: Southern Illinois, Sept. 2; at Eastern Washington, Sept. 9; UC Davis, Sept. 16; Idaho State, Sept. 23; Montana State, Oct. 7; at Montana, Oct. 14; Weber State, Oct. 21; at Idaho, Oct. 28; Boise State, Nov. 4; Nevada-Las Vegas, Nov. 11; at Northern Arizona, Nov. 18.
Site: Reno.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Coach: Larry Kentera (23-21, 4 years).
1988 record: 6-5. Big Sky: 4-4/T4th.
Key players: Tony Conrad, OL; Micky Penaflor, K; Frank Pollack, OL; Mike Sanfratello, DL; Todd Trimm, DL; Lavon Worley, RB; Greg Wyatt, QB.
Schedule: Abilene Christian, Sept. 2; Western New Mexico, Sept. 9, at Weber State, Sept. 16; at Eastern Washington, Sept. 30; Idaho, Oct. 7; at Boise State, Oct. 14; Montana, Oct. 21; at Idaho State, Oct. 29; at Akron, Nov. 4; Montana State, Nov. 11; Nevada-Reno, Nov. 18.
Site: Flagstaff, Ariz.

WEBER STATE

Coach: Dave Arslanian (first year at Weber State).
1988 record: 5-6. Big Sky: 4-4/T4th.
Key players: C.D. Beck, LB; Keith Chambers, C; Brent Chuhaniuk, P; Kelvin Dexter, OG; Peter Macon, TE; Jody Marshall, CB; Darion Scott, S.
Schedule: At Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept. 9; Northern Arizona, Sept. 16; Idaho, Sept. 23; Boise State, Sept. 30; at Montana, Oct. 7; Southern Utah State, Oct. 14; at Nevada-Reno, Oct. 21; at Montana State, Oct. 28; Eastern Washington, Nov. 4; Southwest (Minn.) State, Nov. 11; at Idaho State, Nov. 18.
Site: Ogden, Utah.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Lavon Worley, Northern Arizona, 98.6 yds.pg (231 att., 1,085 yds., 4.7 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Greg Wyatt, Northern Arizona, 129.9 rating pts. (301 att., 183 comp., 2,150 yds.).
Total offense: John Friesz, Idaho, 275.1 yds.pg (-123 yds. rushing, 2,874 yds. passing, 2,751 total yds.).
Receiving: Peter Macon, Weber State, 4 rec.pg (44 rec., 651 yds., 14.8 avg.).
Scoring: Micky Penaflor, Northern Arizona, 8.2 pts.pg (0 TDs, 33 PATs, 19 FGs, 90 pts.).
Punting: Jody Farmer, Montana, 43.3 avg. (73 punts, 3,161 yds.).
Punt returns: Mike Marks, Idaho State, 10.2 avg. (23 att., 235 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Vernon Williams, Eastern Washington, 26.3 avg. (37 att., 973 yds., 1 TD).
Field goals: Micky Penaflor, Northern Arizona, 1.73 FG.pg (19/25 FGs, 76%).
Interceptions: Dominic Corr, Eastern Washington, .60 int.pg (6 int., 6 yds., 0 TDs).

'Loosey-goosey' Baur powers Lafayette offense

By SCOTT PITONIAK
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

Lafayette was facing a fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line during the waning moments of a tight football game two years ago when Coach Bill Russo called a timeout to discuss strategy with quarterback Frank Baur.

"Frank comes to the sidelines, and I say to him, 'What do you think we should do?'" Russo recalled. "And Frank says, straight-faced, 'Coach, I think we should punt.'

"We both cracked up. Here we were in the middle of a very tense game and Frank was once again defusing bombs."

Baur has become adept at defusing bombs. He also has become pretty good at completing them.

Last fall, he threw for a school-record 2,621 yards and 23 touchdowns and led the nation in passing efficiency, setting a Division I-AA record with 171.1 rating points. He was intercepted only 11 times while completing 64.1 percent of his 256 attempts. With Baur at the controls, the Leopards averaged 38.2 points per game (tops in Division I-AA), won the Colonial League title with a 5-0 record and finished with an overall mark of 8-2-1, their best since 1981. Baur was named a I-AA All-America as well as the league's Player of the Year.

"Not bad for a dorky-looking guy with a beak for a nose and size 14 shoes," Baur joked.

Not bad, too, for a 6-foot-5, 214-pound quarterback whom Penn State Coach Joe Paterno originally thought would be better suited to play linebacker.

"I think a lot of the major schools took a look at Frank's size and feet and said there's no way this kid is going to be able to backpedal or move around quick enough to play quarterback," Russo said. "But you'd be surprised at how agile Frank is. We use a lot of pro-style agility drills, and Frank always finishes among the leaders."

Baur enters his senior season with 6,222 yards passing, just 157 shy of breaking the school career record. National Football League scouts have begun to take notice. Some have even hinted that Baur could be chosen in the early rounds of the 1990 draft if he has another good year.

Baur would like that very much, but he's not going to lose sleep thinking about it. He'll just continue to take everything in stride.

"I think he has the perfect temperament to be a quarterback," Lafayette offensive coordinator Joe Mancini said. "He's kind of loosey-goosey, always wearing a smile. But at the same time, he's one of the most competitive kids I've ever been around. He realizes that you have to be intense about things, but it's counterproductive if you are too tense."

Baur's sense of humor may be as vital to his success as his powerful right arm, which produced gains averaging 16 yards per completion last season.



NFL scouts have begun to take notice of Lafayette quarterback Frank Baur.

"I think, as a quarterback, one of your jobs is to make sure everybody is prepared to do his job, and if you're too uptight you won't be able to," he said. "So, I'll occasionally try to lighten things up in the huddle. I'll catch the guys by surprise and say something like, 'Did you see the blonde 14 rows up near the 20-yard line?' That never fails to break the tension."

Music also is an important outlet for Baur. When he was 8 years old, his mother bought him a toy piano. Almost immediately, Baur began playing songs on it without the aid of any music sheets. His mother signed him up for lessons, and he has become such a talented pianist that he occasionally gives recitals at school.

He hopes one day to open his own music studio and maybe form a three-piece jazz band. For now, though, Baur is content performing in front of an audience of one—himself.

"It's a great way to relax," he said. "It's strange. I love to play before big crowds in football, but I don't have as much confidence in my ability to play the piano."

Baur also relaxes by driving his Mazda along the rural roads that surround the Easton, Pa., campus.

"I like the sensation of going fast," he said. "I'd love to race at Daytona some day, but I know that's not going to happen."

Baur also fantasizes about playing varsity basketball at Lafayette, but he realizes he'll never make it beyond the intramural leagues. Not that he doesn't have some ability.

"I would have liked to have given college basketball a try, but I had spent my high school career playing center," said Baur, who started for three years at Wyoming West High School in Forty Fort, Pa., near Wilkes-Barre. "Unless you have a 50-inch vertical leap, you aren't going to be playing center in college basketball when you're only 6-5."

Football has always been his best sport. As a youngster, he represented the New York Giants four times in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition, once advancing as far as the national semifinals.

"I got a chance to eat with the Giants and perform in front of those huge crowds at Giants Stadium," he said. "I got a little feel for what it would be like to play football for a living. I don't think it would be a bad life at all."

His coach believes pro ball is possible.

"I've worked several pro camps, and I've had a chance to see NFL quarterbacks up close," Russo said. "Believe me, Frank has the velocity and arm strength the pros are looking for. If he continues to progress mentally as a football player, I think he'll have an excellent shot at making it." ■

COLONIAL LEAGUE DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. HOLY CROSS
The Crusaders are well prepared to win their fourth consecutive Lambert Cup.

2. LAFAYETTE
If Frank Baur gets some support, the Leopards could make things interesting.

3. LEHIGH
When the Engineers play Lafayette for the 125th time, it could be for all the marbles.

4. COLGATE
The Red Raiders are looking to atone for last season's woeful 2-9 showing.

5. BUCKNELL
Maranzana's offense has a few weapons, but his defense has too many holes.

6. FORDHAM
The Rams, moving up to Division I-AA, will not be eligible for the league title.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-COLONIAL TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	MARK GALLAGHER, Holy Cross
WR	MIKE GUERRINI, Bucknell
TE	RANDY PEDRO, Holy Cross
T	DOUG ROEBUCK, Bucknell
T	DAVE WILLIAMS, Lafayette
C	BOB LALIBERTE, Holy Cross
G	RICK KRICHBAUM, Colgate
G	GEE LOFSTEAD, Lafayette
QB	FRANK BAUR, Lafayette
RB	TOM COSTELLO, Lafayette
RB	JOE SEGRETI, Holy Cross

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	KEITH GRANT, Lafayette
DL	JOE McLAUGHLIN, Holy Cross
DL	ANDY KOSKO, Lehigh
DL	MATT SALA, Lafayette
LB	DARYL BOICH, Lafayette
LB	GARY KARNISH, Lehigh
LB	MIKE JASPER, Colgate
LB	CHRIS MARUCA, Holy Cross
DB	DAVE BOVELL, Colgate
DB	DARRIN DARRINGTON, Holy Cross
DB	DAVE MURPHY, Holy Cross
DB	DWAYNE NORRIS, Lafayette

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	STEVE BARIMO, Bucknell
P	JOE EMMONS, Fordham

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Lafayette	5	0	0	8	2	1
Holy Cross	3	1	0	9	2	0
Lehigh	2	3	0	6	5	0
Bucknell	2	3	0	3	7	0
Colgate	2	3	0	2	9	0
Davidson	0	4	0	0	10	0

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TEAM CHARTS

BUCKNELL

Coach: Lou Maranzana (first year at Bucknell).
1988 record: 3-7. Colonial: 2-3/T3rd.
Key players: Scott Auchenbach, QB; Mike Augsberger, S; Steve Barimo, K; Jay Butler, OT; Craig Cavlovic, LB/S; Lester Erb, WR; Mike Guerrini, WR; Brian Henesey, TB; Bill Higgins, LB; Jeff Kelly, S; Chris Miller, TE; Doug Roebuck, OT; Dan Scocca, TB; John Spatafore, LB; Mark Williams, DT.
Schedule: At Fordham, Sept. 16; Cornell, Sept. 23; Dartmouth, Sept. 30; at Towson State, Oct. 7; Lehigh, Oct. 14; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 21; at Columbia, Oct. 28; Lafayette, Nov. 4; at Colgate, Nov. 11; Holy Cross, Nov. 18.
Site: Lewisburg, Pa.

COLGATE

Coach: Mike Foley (2-9, 1 year).
1988 record: 2-9. Colonial: 2-3/T3rd.
Key players: Steve Aldiero, S; Dave Bovell, S; Ross Crump, OT; George Delaney, FL; Jeremy Garvey, TE; Dave Goodwin, QB; Mike Jasper, LB; Rick Krichbaum, OG; Hans Ottinot, TB; George Sanker, S; Bill Smith, DE; Steve Williams, TB.
Schedule: Fordham, Sept. 2; at William & Mary, Sept. 7; Pennsylvania, Sept. 16; Brown, Sept. 23; at Yale, Oct. 7; at New Hampshire, Oct. 14; at Holy Cross, Oct. 21; at Lafayette, Oct. 28; Lehigh, Nov. 4; Bucknell, Nov. 11; at Army, Nov. 18.
Site: Hamilton, N.Y.

FORDHAM

Coach: Larry Glueck (23-9-1, 3 years).
1988 record: 9-2 in Division III.
Key players: Greg Cooper, OT; Joe Emmons, P; Jim Hock, SE; Rick Hollawell, HB; Kevin McLaughlin, LB; Steve Medeiros, OT; Marc Meighan, TE; Matt Michaels, DB; Dave Olsakowski, QB; Eddie Pearson, HB; Eric Schweiker, C; Jim Skurchak, NG; Jason Stuart, OG; Matt Sullivan, OG; Steve Troutman, K; Bill Weyrauch, LB.
Schedule: At Colgate, Sept. 2; Lehigh, Sept. 9; Bucknell, Sept. 16; at Davidson, Oct. 7; at Lafayette, Oct. 14; at Princeton, Oct. 21; Hofstra, Nov. 4; C.W. Post, Nov. 11.
Site: Bronx, N.Y.

HOLY CROSS

Coach: Mark Duffner (30-3, 3 years).
1988 record: 9-2. Colonial: 3-1/2nd.
Key players: Willie Bradford, TB; Craig Callahan, TE; Darin Cromwell, TB; Darrin Darrington, CB; Tim Donovan, TB; Mark Gallagher, WR; Ernie Garlington, DB; Bob Laliberte, C; Chris Maruca, LB; Joe McLaughlin, DE; Dave Murphy, CB; Randy Pedro, TE; Joe Segreti, FB; Rick Shumilla, S; Viv Washington, FL.
Schedule: Villanova, Sept. 9; at Lafayette, Sept. 16; at Harvard, Sept. 23; Princeton, Sept. 30; at Dartmouth, Oct. 7; at Army, Oct. 14; Colgate, Oct. 21; Brown, Oct. 28; Northeastern, Nov. 4; at Lehigh, Nov. 11; at Bucknell, Nov. 18.
Site: Worcester, Mass.

LAFAYETTE

Coach: Bill Russo (51-34-1, 8 years; 66-49-1 overall, 11 years).
1988 record: 8-2-1. Colonial: 5-0/1st.
Key players: Dave Baird, WR; Frank Baur, QB; Jim Birch, FB; Daryl Boich, LB; Tom Costello, TB; Joel Cummiskey, LB; Keith Grant, DE; Mike Grau, WR; Jim Hodson, K; Walt Johnston, S; Gee Lofstead, OL; Dwayne Norris, S; Matt Sala, DT; Dave Williams, OL; Matt Winters TE.
Schedule: Kutztown, Sept. 9; Holy Cross, Sept. 16; at Pennsylvania, Sept. 23; Columbia, Sept. 30; at Cornell, Oct. 7; Fordham, Oct. 14; at Army, Oct. 21; Colgate, Oct. 28; at Bucknell, Nov. 4; at Lehigh, Nov. 19.
Site: Easton, Pa.

LEHIGH

Coach: Hank Small (16-16-1, 3 years).
1988 record: 6-5. Colonial: 2-3/3rd.
Key players: Conney Berger, DL; Vance Cassell, TE; Craig Domalewski, LB; Mike Hendricks, OL; Brian Hensel, OL; Gary Karnish, LB; Andy Kosko, DL; Mike Moriarity, OL; Keith Petzold, OL; Rik Repak, DL; Dave Rosen, DL; Peter Sczerbinski, DB; Erick Torain, RB; Rob Varano, WR; Mike Walsh, DB.
Schedule: at Fordham, Sept. 9; Massachusetts, Sept. 16; at Yale, Sept. 23; Towson State, Sept. 30; at Harvard, Oct. 7; at Bucknell, Oct. 14; Northeastern, Oct. 21; William & Mary, Oct. 28; at Colgate, Nov. 4; Holy Cross, Nov. 11; Lafayette, Nov. 18.
Site: Bethlehem, Pa.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Tom Costello, Lafayette, 113.2 yds.pg (210 att., 1,132 yds., 5.4 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Frank Baur, Lafayette, 171.1 rating pts. (256 att., 164 comp., 2,621 yds.).
Total offense: Frank Baur, Lafayette, 272.7 yds.pg (106 yds. rushing, 2,621 yds. passing, 2,727 total yds.).
Receiving: Rob Varano, Lehigh, 4.8 rec.pg (53 rec., 888 yds., 16.8 avg.).
Scoring: Joe Segreti, Holy Cross, 10.9 pts.pg (20 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 120 pts.).
Punt returns: Mark Gallagher, Holy Cross, 9.4 avg. (19 att., 178 yds., 1 TD).
Kickoff returns: Dan Scocca, Bucknell, 24.3 avg. (20 att., 485 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Jim Hodson, Lafayette, .82 FG.pg (9/13 FGs, 69.2%).
Interceptions: Dave Murphy, Holy Cross, .64 int.pg (7 int., 121 yds., 0 TDs).

Lighter workload should boost Bears' Phillips

By LYNDAL SCRANTON
Springfield (Mo.) News-Leader

Craig Phillips sat slumped in a chair in front of his locker, too tired to talk, too tired to walk. While other Southwest Missouri State football players ripped off their maroon-and-white uniforms and headed for refreshing showers, Phillips just tried to regain his strength.

Who could blame him? In the Bears' 26-9 victory over Gateway Conference rival Northern Iowa, Phillips had merely been in on every defensive play from his cornerback position, returned an interception 14 yards, returned punts, returned a kickoff, played on special teams and punted. Such was life for Phillips in 1988, when he was the Bears' version of Jose Oquendo, the St. Louis Cardinals' utilityman extraordinaire.

"He did a lot of things for us," Bears Coach Jesse Branch said. "We probably asked him to do too much."

That's why Branch will ask Phillips to do less this season. In this case, Branch believes less will be more in the total scheme of things.

"We're going to put him at the free-safety position and leave him there," Branch said. "I think it probably takes away from his effectiveness to do so many things. I think at one position he'll have a better season."

Phillips, a second-team All-Gateway defensive back as a junior last fall, said he smiled when Branch told him of the plans.

"I'm really going to like coming to the sideline and not having to worry about punting or catching the football," he said. "I can just worry about what the opposing offense is doing."

The 5-foot-11, 186-pound Phillips is one of the main reasons why the Bears are a favorite to prevail in the Gateway this season. With 15 starters returning, Branch should have his best team in his fourth year at the Southwest Missouri helm. The Bears were 5-5 last season, but tied for second in the Gateway at 4-2.

"We want to go after the conference championship and a playoff berth," Phillips said. "We think this can be our year."

If the Bears are to earn a Division I-AA playoff berth, Phillips is sure to be in the middle of the action—even if he plays only one position. Phillips, who has nine career interceptions, including a team-leading five last season, is excited about his move from cornerback to free safety.

"I like it because it gives me a chance to play the ball a little more," Phillips said. "It frees me up to do my own thing and help more on run support."

Branch believes Phillips has the ideal mentality to be a free safety. "I think he has a sixth sense of being where the ball is going to be," the coach said. "That's something you're born with. I don't think you can teach that as a coach."

Said Phillips: "Ever since I began playing football—I don't know how many years that's been—it seems I can read what the offense is trying to do. It's just a thing I can do. Maybe it's luck. Maybe it comes from knowing the game and playing offense in high school. I've played both sides of the ball and I always think about what's going on."



Craig Phillips, Southwest Missouri State's utilityman extraordinaire, always seems to be in the middle of the action.

As a senior at Lee's Summit (Mo.) High School, Phillips was an all-state defensive back and all-metro quarterback who led his team to a state runner-up finish. Branch, who was an assistant coach at Arkansas at the time, was impressed with Phillips' physical ability and obvious understanding of the game.

"I really wanted to recruit him at Arkansas," Branch recalled, "but Coach (Ken) Hatfield didn't think he was quite good enough at quarterback or fast enough at running back or defensive back."

Shortly thereafter, Branch was hired at Southwest Missouri. "He was the first guy I went after," Branch said. "I felt he was a proven winner. He did so many things. I felt he was a great athlete."

Phillips has missed only one of 31 games during the Branch era, and he has started 26 games. He already has school records for career punt returns (62) and punt return yardage (472).

"I think it worked out for the best for me," Phillips said. "I'm very happy I decided to come here."

Even so, Phillips still has room for improvement. "We had him go out for indoor track in the off-season, and I think he improved his speed some in that program," Branch said. "That's an area he needs to improve in to be the best at his position.

"I told him last year that he intercepted five balls and had his hands on four others. If he was one-hundredth of a second faster, he might have had four more interceptions."

Phillips realizes, though, that he must rely more on smarts than speed. "I'd describe myself as an intelligent player who doesn't all the time make the outstanding athletic play," he said, "... but I try to be a constant and a steady player and use the knowledge that I have."

Branch wishes all his players had Phillips' head and heart.

"Some guys may be a little bigger," he said, "but I wish they all had his kind of desire and heart." ■

GATEWAY COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
The Bears have improved tremendously and should be rewarded in '89.

2. WESTERN ILLINOIS
The loss of Paul Singer is only a minor setback to the league's best program.

3. INDIANA STATE
The Sycamores are loaded with talented skill-position athletes.

4. NORTHERN IOWA
The loss of Earle Bruce and several key players makes the Panthers a tough call.

5. EASTERN ILLINOIS
Defense, maybe the best in the conference, will make the Panthers competitive.

6. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
The addition of Coach Bob Smith assures future success for the Salukis.

7. ILLINOIS STATE
The Redbirds return 18 starters—to a team that finished 1-10 in '88.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-GATEWAY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	STEVE ELMLINGER, Indiana State
WR	STEVE WILLIAMS, Western Illinois
TE	RODNEY PORTER, Indiana State
T	BRIAN EDDY, SW Missouri State
T	TOM ROTH, Southern Illinois
C	BOB GRAMMER, Southern Illinois
G	MARK CHRISTENSEN, SW Missouri St.
G	DAVE SCHUMER, Illinois State
QB	JOHN SAHM, Indiana State
RB	TONY GILBERT, SW Missouri State
RB	VIC NORTHERN, Illinois State

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player, School
DL	MARK BERTRAM, Indiana State
DL	VANDER HARRIS, Illinois State
DL	JOHN JURKOVIC, Eastern Illinois
DL	TIM PETERSON, Northern Iowa
LB	MIKE SMITH, Illinois State
LB	ARMIE GASBARRO, Western Illinois
LB	JEFF MILLS, Eastern Illinois
LB	JAMES TURNAGE, SW Missouri State
DB	MARK HEIN, Northern Iowa
DB	DARYL HOLCOMBE, Eastern Illinois
DB	TROY MICKENS, Indiana State
DB	CRAIG PHILLIPS, SW Missouri State

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	LAYNE BENNETT, Western Illinois
P	MIKE KRAUSE, Western Illinois

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Western Illinois	6	0	0	10	2	0
Southwest Missouri State	4	2	0	5	5	0
Indiana State	4	2	0	5	6	0
Northern Iowa	3	3	0	5	6	0
Eastern Illinois	2	4	0	5	6	0
Southern Illinois	2	4	0	4	7	0
Illinois State	0	6	0	1	10	0

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

TEAM CHARTS

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Spoo (10-12, 2 years).
1988 record: 5-6. Gateway: 2-4/T5th.
Key players: Eric Arnold, QB; George Boykin, LB; Juan Cox, DB; Brent Fischer, OT; Daryl Holcombe, DB; John Jurkovic, DT; John Metzger, WR; Jeff Mills, LB; Tim Moore, TE; Pat Munda, OG; R.L. Reynolds, DB; Jim Sarver, DE; John Sengstock, RB; Ralph Stewart, WR; Eric Thorsen, OT.
Schedule: At Austin Peay, Sept. 2; Northwestern (La.) State, Sept. 9; at Southern Illinois, Sept. 16; Indiana State, Sept. 23; Illinois State, Sept. 30; at Liberty, Oct. 7; Akron, Oct. 14; Western Illinois, Oct. 21; at Northern Iowa, Oct. 28; Southwest Missouri State, Nov. 11; at Western Kentucky, Nov. 18.
Site: Charleston, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE

Coach: Jim Heacock (1-10, 1 year).
1988 record: 1-10. Gateway: 0-6/7th.
Key players: Wilbert Brown, LB; David Calhoun, DB; Dan Hackman, C; Vander Harris, NG; Mike Mackey, TE; Bill Miller, WR; Vic Northern, RB; Greg Peeler, LB; Willie Price, DB; Dave Schumer, OG; David Smith, LB; Mike Smith, LB; Scott Underwood, DT; Adrian Wilson, QB; Antoine Worthman, DB.
Schedule: Western Kentucky, Sept. 2; Central State (Ohio), Sept. 9; at East Carolina, Sept. 23; at Eastern Illinois, Sept. 30; at Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 7; at Southern Illinois, Oct. 14; Indiana State, Oct. 21; Western Illinois, Oct. 28; Northern Iowa, Nov. 4; Arkansas State, Nov. 11; at Nicholls State, Nov. 18.
Site: Normal, Ill.

INDIANA STATE

Coach: Dennis Raetz (51-49-1, 9 years).
1988 record: 5-6. Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.
Key players: Mark Bertram, DT; Rick Comer, OG; Donald Cox, CB; Walter Crutchfield, S; Curtis Daley, CB; Steve Elmlinger, WR; Troy Mickens, S; Rodney Porter, TE; Dan Quick, OT; John Sahm, QB; Charles Sanders, WR; John Story, WR; Ray Wallace, RB; Darnell White, LB; Marcus Wilson, S.
Schedule: Central Missouri State, Sept. 2; at Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 9; Austin Peay, Sept. 16; at Eastern Illinois, Sept. 23; at Minnesota, Sept. 30; Youngstown State, Oct. 7; Northern Iowa, Oct. 14; at Illinois State, Oct. 21; Ball State (Hoosier Dome), Oct. 26; Southern Illinois, Nov. 4; at Western Illinois, Nov. 11.
Site: Terre Haute, Ind.

NORTHERN IOWA

Coach: Terry Allen (first year at Northern Iowa).
1988 record: 5-6. Gateway: 3-3/4th.
Key players: Kevin Anderson, DB; David Campbell, OG; Todd Eagen, DE; Rory Feddersen, SE; Mark Hein, DB; Steve Hougom, RB; James Jones, DE; Chris Klieman, DB; Ken Macklin, QB; Brian Mitchell, K; Bryce Paup, LB; Duane Petersen, DB; Steve Peitler, LB; Tim Peterson, DE; Dan Rush, P.
Schedule: Mankato State, Sept. 2; at Kansas State, Sept. 16; Fort Hayes State, Sept. 23; at Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 30; at Western Illinois, Oct. 7; at Indiana State, Oct. 14; Ferris State, Oct. 21; Eastern Illinois, Oct. 28; at Illinois State, Nov. 4; Southern Illinois, Nov. 11; Eastern Washington, Nov. 18.
Site: Cedar Falls, Ia.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Smith (first year at Southern Illinois; 17-26-1 overall, 4 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Gateway: 2-4/T5th.
Key players: Willie Davis, CB; Shannon Ferbrache, DT; Monte Foster, S; Bob Grammer, C; Bernard Green, S; Chuck Harmke, FB; Kevin Kilgallon, LB; Ron Kirk, DE; Jeff Long, S; John Manley, LB; William Perry, S; Gary Powell, CB; Vic Renaud, OT; Tom Roth, OT; Tim Schiller, OG.
Schedule: At Nevada-Reno, Sept. 2; Western Illinois, Sept. 9; Eastern Illinois, Sept. 16; at Murray State, Sept. 23; at Arkansas State, Sept. 30; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 7; Illinois State, Oct. 14; Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 21; Kentucky State, Oct. 28; at Indiana State, Nov. 4; at Northern Iowa, Nov. 11.
Site: Carbondale, Ill.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Coach: Jesse Branch (13-18, 3 years).
1988 record: 5-5. Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.
Key players: Mark Christensen, OG; Phil Collins, HB; Brian Eddy, OT; Mark Gehrt, LB; Tony Gilbert, HB; Ken Kelly, TE; John Liston, LB; Rodney McConico, HB; Daryl Patton, QB; Craig Phillips, S; Chris Potthast, K; Chris Reed, OG; DeAndre Smith, QB; James Turnage, LB; Bill Walter, DE.
Schedule: Northwestern (La.) State, Sept. 2; Indiana State, Sept. 9; at Western Illinois, Sept. 16; at Austin Peay, Sept. 23; Northern Iowa, Sept. 30; Illinois State, Oct. 7; at Western Kentucky, Oct. 14; at Southern Illinois, Oct. 21; Alcorn State, Oct. 28; at Eastern Illinois, Nov. 11; at Liberty (Va.), Nov. 18.
Site: Springfield, Mo.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bruce Craddock (37-28-1, 6 years; 61-47-1 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 10-2 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Gateway: 6-0/1st.
Key players: Layne Bennett, K; John Binkowski, OG; Wes Courier, TE; Bryan Cox, DB; Mike Cox, RB; John Curtis, OG; Max Ford, DT; Armie Gasbarro, LB; Bill Hunter, DB; Mike Krause, P; Shawn Mattraw, OT; Brian Rebac, OT; Rich Ruether, DT; Lorenzo Taylor, DB; Steve Williams, WR.
Schedule: At Southern Illinois, Sept. 9; Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 16; Delaware State, Sept. 23; at Northern Illinois, Sept. 30; Northern Iowa, Oct. 7; Fort Hayes State, Oct. 14; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 21; at Illinois State, Oct. 28; at Portland State, Nov. 4; Indiana State, Nov. 11.
Site: Macomb, Ill.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Vic Northern, Illinois State, 79.4 yds.pg (215 att., 873 yds., 4.1 avg.).
Passing efficiency: John Sahm, Indiana State, 116.6 rating pts. (248 att., 127 comp., 1,942 yds.).
Total offense: John Sahm, Indiana State, 161 yds.pg (-171 yds. rushing, 1,942 yds. passing, 1,771 total yds.).
Receiving: Steve Elmlinger, Indiana State, 4.6 rec.pg (51 rec., 1,071 yds., 21 avg.).
Scoring: (tie) Ralph Stewart, Eastern Illinois, 4.9 pts.pg (9 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 54 pts.); Layne Bennett, Western Illinois (0 TDs, 36 PATs, 6 FGs, 54 pts.); Mike Cox, Western Illinois (9 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 54 pts.).
Punting: Mike Krause, Western Iowa, 41.2 avg. (72 punts, 2,968 yds.).
Punt returns: Milo Popovic, Northern Iowa, 12.1 avg. (22 att., 265 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Steve Elmlinger, Indiana State, 24.1 avg. (17 att., 409 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: John Bookout, Southern Illinois, .73 FG.pg (8/12 FGs, 66.7%).
Interceptions: Craig Phillips, Southwest Missouri State, .56 int.pg (5 int., 14 yds., 0 TDs).

Rattlers' Howard Huckaby is lethal kick returner

By DAVID LEE SIMMONS
Tallahassee Democrat

In Tallahassee, Fla., where Deion Sanders eclipsed all with his mouth and ability, especially when it came time to stick a punt return down someone's throat, it was easy for Howard Huckaby to get lost in the crowd.

And in Division I-AA, where the term "pro prospect" is considered a sarcastic comment, it's hard for Howard Huckaby to get a great deal of respect.

So, the senior split end keeps plugging away for the resurging Florida A&M Rattlers, breaking Division I-AA kick return records at the drop of a football, hoping that his impressive ability and comparable ego can earn him a little more than a batch of catchy nicknames.

Huckamania. Mr. Excitement. Mr. Dangerous. They're all nice, cute tries, but none captures the real Howard Huckaby, who already holds the Division I-AA record with four punt returns for touchdowns in a single season (1988). He needs only one more TD punt return to tie the I-AA career record of five. He also shares the I-AA record for most TD kickoff returns in a season with two in 1987. That's six total kick returns for touchdowns in his career, one shy of tying the I-AA record.

Like so many of his kind, though, Huckaby probably will be a victim of his own success this year as punters undoubtedly will try to kick away from him.

They tried a few times last season, but he still was able to rip off a 74-yard TD return against Jackson State, a 68-yarder against Morgan State, a 54-yarder against Delaware State and a 52-yarder against North Carolina A&T. No wonder Florida A&M was 4-1-1 last season when Huckaby scored a touchdown, either by kick return or pass reception.

That's the scary part. But the 5-foot-10, 175-pounder from Baton Rouge, La., also started giving defensive backs the shivers last season as his pass-catching skills became increasingly evident. The Rattlers' passing game was revived in 1988 after being almost non-existent in Huckaby's first two years, and he responded with nine receptions for 208 yards (23.1-yard average), including TD receptions of 67, 37 and 12 yards.

Huckaby doesn't line up at split end for every offensive play. The Rattlers use their receivers to send in plays, so those players are rotated in and out of the game.

"Lots of times, when people get a Howard Huckaby, they want to use him all the time," Rattlers wide receivers coach Melvin Jones said. "We try to do more things for variety. We don't just say, 'Set up Huckaby,' because we want to have the element of surprise. You have to keep your options open."

One option that the fearless Huck never considers, and rarely pays for, is the fair catch.

"Uh-uh," he said with his broad grin. "That's not me."



Florida A&M split end Howard Huckaby keeps breaking I-AA kick return records at the drop of a football.

It's the Huckaby way, and it's an attitude that has been an integral part in turning Florida A&M around. Once the pride of black-college football, and then Division I-AA, Florida A&M fell on hard times a few years after winning the first-ever I-AA national championship in 1978. Rudy Hubbard was the architect of that success, but after back-to-back losing seasons in 1984 and '85, Hubbard was fired. He was replaced by Ken Riley, a longtime cornerback with the Cincinnati Bengals. Under Riley, the Rattlers have gone 5-6 in 1986, 5-5-1 in '87 and then 6-4-1 last season —not overnight-success numbers, but a steady progression.

Huckaby has been there each year along with Riley. As a sophomore in 1987 he led all I-AA kickoff return men with a 30.1-yard average. He focused on punt returns last year, leading Division I-AA for three weeks with an average as high as 28 yards per return before finishing second with an 18.4-yard average. Ironically, the only player ahead of him, Delaware State's Tim Egerton, also was from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, and he returned a punt for a score against Florida A&M.

Huckaby's emergence as a premier punt returner wasn't just a coincidence. It was part of a conscious effort on the part of the Florida A&M coaching staff to improve the special teams last season. Returns became a focal point.

"We got together and decided to be more aggressive with it," said assistant Rick Kravitz, now the team's defensive coordinator. "Plus, we had people on punt returns who would go through a wall if you told them to. Guys we had control over, like the linebackers."

The result, on several occasions, was a wall of blockers who served as bodyguards for Huckaby in setting up the returns. Against Jackson State, Huckaby was enjoying what looked like an average return until three blockers caved in a group of would-be tacklers that allowed him to cut left across midfield and race in for the 74-yard score. It was the Rattlers' only touchdown in a 10-10 tie.

"I kind of look at that wall and can tell when they're going to spring me, and they seem to know when to spring me, too," Huckaby said. "It's like we're reading each other."

Not bad for a track sprinter who is cursed with flat feet and bad ankles. Even with those drawbacks, Huckaby is a two-time MEAC champion in the 100-meter dash with a best time of 10.27 seconds.

"Yeah, one (ankle) is worse off than the other, but they both aren't too great," Huckaby said. "There are people (other athletes) out there who are flat-footed, but I'm better than them." ■

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. DELAWARE STATE
The Hornets have plenty of talent and should dominate the league.

2. FLORIDA A&M
Ezell to Huckaby is lethal. Consistent defense will be the key to success.

3. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
Willie Jeffries, one of I-AA's best coaches, will bring instant improvement.

4. HOWARD
Without Jeffries, the Bison will be hard-pressed to compete against the top teams.

5. BETHUNE-COOKMAN
Thomas and Jackson are top-rate receivers, but their supporting cast is weak.

6. MORGAN STATE
The Golden Bears lost some key defenders but still should improve.

7. NORTH CAROLINA A&T
The Aggies were overachievers at 2-9. It will be a long season in Greensboro.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-MEAC TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	HOWARD HUCKABY, Florida A&M
WR	GLENNY MOORE, Morgan State
TE	DAVID JONES, Delaware State
T	ERIC DOUGLAS, South Carolina State.
T	BRYAN NANCE, North Carolina A&T
C	BRUCE LEWIS, Morgan State
G	ROBERT DENDY, South Carolina State
G	ROBERT FROST, Florida A&M
QB	DARREN FELTON, Delaware State
RB	NATHAN AYERS, Morgan State
RB	MIKE RIDDICK, Delaware State

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	IRVIN CLARK, Florida A&M
DL	ANDY HARRIS, Delaware State
DL	JAMES MOORE, Howard
DL	MALCOM SHOWELL, Delaware State
LB	DARRYL DAVIS, Florida A&M
LB	JAMES DOZIER, Morgan State
LB	DEMETRIUS HARRISON, N.C. A&T
LB	ERIC WAINWRIGHT, Delaware State
DB	ELVIS HINES, Delaware State
DB	JAMAL ISOM, South Carolina State
DB	EVAN TONEY, Bethune-Cookman
DB	REGGIE JOHNSON, Delaware State

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	JIMMY VERTUNO, Florida A&M
P	CHRIS HOLLEN, Morgan State

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bethune-Cookman	4	2	0	5	6	0
Florida A&M	4	2	0	6	4	1
Delaware State	4	2	0	5	5	0
Howard	3	3	0	7	4	0
South Carolina State	3	3	0	4	7	0
North Carolina A&T	2	4	0	2	9	0
Morgan State	0	6	0	1	10	0

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

TEAM CHARTS

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

Coach: Larry Little (29-32-1, 6 years).
1988 record: 5-6. MEAC: 4-2/1st (by tie-breaker).
Key players: Gregory Baker, TE; George Carey, DL; Derek Cooper, DL; James Corley, DB; Kevin Grisby, DB; James Jackson, WR; Michael Johnson, LB; Raymond Lee, RB; Cedric McKinnon, DB; Stevie Thomas, WR/QB; Michael Thompson, RB; Evan Toney, DB; Michael Willis, C.
Schedule: At Central Florida, Sept. 1; Morgan State (at Jacksonville), Sept. 9; Howard, Sept. 16; Jackson State (at Indianapolis), Sept. 30; at Delaware State, Oct. 7; South Carolina State, Oct. 14; at Albany State, Oct. 21; North Carolina A&T, Oct. 28; District of Columbia, Nov. 11; at Florida A&M, Nov. 25 (at Tampa).
Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.

DELAWARE STATE

Coach: Bill Collick (28-14, 4 years).
1988 record: 5-5. MEAC: 4-2/T2nd.
Key players: Tony Bethea, RB; Tim Egerton, WR; Darren Felton, QB; Andy Harris, DT; Elvis Hines, DB; Greg Johnson, DT; Reggie Johnson, DB; David Jones, TE; Steve Morris, OT; Justin Proctor, OT; Mike Riddick, RB; Napoleon Robinson, LB; Malcom Showell, DE; Eric Wainwright, LB; Mare Ware, DB; Wendell Watson, RB.
Schedule: At Cheyney State, Sept. 2; Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 9; at Northeastern, Sept. 16; at Western Illinois, Sept. 23; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 7; at Florida A&M, Oct. 14; Morgan State, Oct. 21; at South Carolina State, Oct. 28; North Carolina A&T, Nov. 4; at Towson State, Nov. 11; Howard, Nov. 18.
Site: Dover, Del.

FLORIDA A&M

Coach: Ken Riley (17-14-2, 3 years).
1988 record: 6-4-1. MEAC: 4-2/T2nd.
Key players: Terry Beauford, OT; Dwayne Butler, LB; Irvin Clark, NT; Lowell Crawford, CB; Darryl Davis, LB; William Evers, CB; Tony Ezell, QB; Robert Frost, OG; Sean Gilliam, FB; Howard Huckaby, SE; Rod Jackson, QB; Eddie Metcalf, LB; Amir Rasul, HB; Jimmy Vertuno, K; Ronald Vickers, SE.
Schedule: Tuskegee, Sept. 2, Georgia Southern (at Jacksonville), Sept. 16; Tennessee State (at Atlanta), Sept. 23; Alabama State, Sept. 30; at North Carolina A&T, Oct. 7; Delaware State, Oct. 14; at South Carolina State, Oct. 21; Morgan State (at Miami), Oct. 28; Southern University-Baton Rouge, Nov. 4; at Howard, Nov. 11; Bethune-Cookman (at Tampa), Nov. 25.
Site: Tallahassee, Fla.

HOWARD

Coach: Steve Wilson (first year at Howard).
1988 record: 7-4. MEAC: 3-3/T4th.
Key players: James Carpenter, RB; Donald Carr, QB; Willie Felder, OT; Charles Gibbs, LB; Willie Johnson, DB; James Moore, DT; James Moses, DB; Gary Mossop, K; Walter Price, DB; Kevin Rowley, LB; David Stewart, DB; Brian Taltoan, DT; Sean Von Horse, DB; Robert Ward, DT; David Westbrook, DE.
Schedule: District of Columbia, Sept. 2; at Grambling State, Sept. 9; at Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 16; South Carolina State, Sept. 23; at Indiana (Pa.), Oct. 7; Virginia State, Oct. 14; at North Carolina A&T, Oct. 21; Morehouse College, Oct. 28; at Morgan State, Nov. 4; Florida A&M, Nov. 11; at Delaware State, Nov. 18.
Site: Washington, D.C.

MORGAN STATE

Coach: Ed Wyche (1-9, 1 year; 56-54-4 overall, 11 years).
1988 record: 1-10. MEAC: 0-5/7th.
Key players: Nathan Ayers, TB; Vernon Beard, CB; Michael Daniels, FB; Robert Davis, OG; James Dozier, LB; Carl Gamble, DT; Chris Hollen, K/P; Daryl Jackson, QB; Wille Jones, NG; Marco Kornegay, TB; Bruce Lewis, C; Glenny Moore, WR; Scott Nelson, LB; Sean Nelson, TB; Maurice Revels, QB.
Schedule: Norfolk State, Sept. 2; Bethune-Cookman (at Jacksonville), Sept. 9; at Bowie State, Sept. 16; North Carolina A&T, Sept. 23; at Youngstown State, Sept. 30; South Carolina State, Oct. 7; Virginia Union, Oct. 14; at Delaware State, Oct. 21; at Florida A&M, Oct. 28; Howard, Nov. 4; Cheyney State, Nov. 11.
Site: Baltimore.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Coach: Bill Hayes (2-9, 1 year; 91-49-2 overall, 13 years).
1988 record: 2-9. MEAC: 2-4/6th.
Key players: John Allen, C; Jerome Crawford, FB; Victor Floyd, LB; Kirk Graham, NG; Doraine Harris, RB; Demetrius Harrison, LB; Rodney Hatton, CB; Craig Holloway, OT; Kevin Little, DE; Connell Maynor, QB; Mike McMillan, S; Dee Moye, DB; Bryan Nance, OT; Reggie White, DT; Hilton Winstead, WB.
Schedule: North Carolina Central, Sept. 2; at Winston-Salem State, Sept. 9; District of Columbia, Sept. 16; at Morgan State, Sept. 23; Norfolk State, Sept. 30; Florida A&M, Oct. 7; at Fayetteville State, Oct. 14; Howard, Oct. 21; at Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 28; at Delaware State,, Nov. 4; at South Carolina State, Nov. 18.
Site: Greensboro, N.C.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Willie Jeffries (first year back at S.C. State, where he was 50-13-4 in 6 years from 1973-1978; 101-68-6 overall, 16 years).
1988 record: 4-7. MEAC: 3-3/T4th.
Key players: Jimmy Buchanan, LB; Robert Burkins, DB; Nick Caliguri, K; Carl Davis III, WR; Robert Dendy, OG; Eric Douglas, OT; Mike Freeborn, P; Jamal Isom, DB; Carlton Jinks, LB; Reggie Kennedy, LB; Ivan Mason, WR; J.W. Montgomery, WR; Kenneth Pate, OT; William Weaver, DB; Zach Whitley, FB.
Schedule: Presbyterian, Sept. 2; Furman, Sept. 9; at Howard, Sept. 23; at The Citadel, Sept. 30; at Morgan State, Oct. 7; at Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 14; Florida A&M, Oct. 21; Delaware State, Oct. 28; District of Columbia, Nov. 4; at Grambling State, Nov. 11; North Carolina A&T, Nov. 18.
Site: Orangeburg, S.C.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Michael Thompson, Bethune-Cookman, 46.4 yds.pg (100 att., 510 yds., 5.1 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Daryl Jackson, Morgan State, 90.4 rating pts. (237 att., 93 comp., 1,453 yds.).
Total offense: Daryl Jackson, Morgan State, 128.6 yds.pg (-38 yds. rushing, 1,453 yds. passing, 1,415 total yds.).
Receiving: Stevie Thomas, Bethune-Cookman, 4.3 rec.pg (43 rec., 790 yds., 18.4 avg.).
Scoring: Jimmy Vertuno, Florida A&M, 6.2 pts.pg (0 TDs, 35 PATs, 11 FGs, 68 pts.).
Punting: Mike Freeborn, South Carolina State, 36 avg. (67 punts, 2,413 yds.).
Punt returns: Tim Egerton, Delaware State, 23 avg. (16 att., 368 yds., 3 TDs).
Kickoff returns: John Javis, Howard, 27 avg. (16 att., 432 yds., 1 TD).
Field goals: Jimmy Vertuno, Florida A&M, 1 FG.pg (11/16 FGs, 68.8%).
Interceptions: Reggie Johnson, Delaware State, .70 int.pg (7 int., 54 yds., 0 TDs).

Murray State's field general has an eye on NFL

By CHRIS EVANS
Paducah Sun

When it comes to fashion, Michael Proctor prefers the GQ look. If you saw him walking down a city street, you might envision the tall, handsome, neatly groomed young man as a Wall Street banker or perhaps a suave courtroom lawyer.

When it comes to his football persona, however, Proctor prefers to be known by a nickname that seems better suited to fatigues and combat boots: The General.

"I wear a purple-and-gold shirt underneath my shoulder pads that has 'Field General' printed on the back," said Proctor, Murray State's senior quarterback. "I don't wear it in practice, just in games. And when I put it on, it's time to go to work."

It is a nickname that befits a natural leader such as Proctor.

"We can be down four touchdowns with time running out, but when Michael steps into that huddle, everyone thinks they can make it up right then," said Rob Christophel, the Racers' quarterbacks coach. "If he told his teammates to follow him to the top of the stadium and jump off, they'd climb the steps and start leaping. It's true. He's just that type of leader."

Christophel said that the 6-foot-4, 205-pound signal-caller has just the right amount of cockiness and arrogance to lead his troops confidently into battle. That same self-assurance is evident when he discusses his future, which he hopes will be in the National Football League.

No quarterback has been drafted from an Ohio Valley Conference school since Phil Simms of Morehead State was taken by the New York Giants as the seventh pick overall in 1979. Proctor could change that. Christophel said Proctor has all the tools of a great scrambling quarterback, and several pro scouts have expressed interest in him.

"The NFL is every youngster's dream," said Proctor, the All-OVC quarterback last season despite the Racers' 4-6 record. "Maybe it's my time, but if not I'll just take it in stride. My first priority is to win. If we win this year, it will bring more people to Murray to see us and it could increase my stock."

Proctor's eyes light up when he is compared to Simms, who led the Giants over Denver in Super Bowl XXI and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Proctor already has surpassed many of Simms' passing marks at Morehead State and is on his way to becoming the league's all-time leading passer. He needs just 292 yards to break the record held by Youngstown State's Trenton Lykes.

"I enjoyed breaking Simms' records more than any of the others," Proctor said. "I like to pass his records because from the OVC, he's the top man on the totem pole. He's the one making the most money."

Whether Proctor can help an NFL team remains to be seen. But there is no doubt that Proctor is the key to the Racers' offense, which switched from the I-formation to the wishbone option last season in order to utilize his versatile skills. He can drop back and pass, throw bullets while scrambling and tuck the ball under his arm and run. A dangerous open-field runner, he already holds the league record for total offense (6,623 yards), and this year he should become the first OVC player to compile 1,500 yards of total offense in four straight seasons.



Murray State's Michael Proctor, a dangerous open-field runner, has all the tools of a great scrambling quarterback.

"He's never had a bad year. Heck, he's never had an average year," Christophel said. "We keep thinking, 'When is this kid going to slow down?' But instead he just gets better. I don't want to jinx him, but if he continues, he could break all the records."

Proctor was an all-state quarterback as a senior at Worth County (Ga.) High School in 1984, when he passed for 1,435 yards and 17 touchdowns and rushed for 785 yards and 14 TDs. But after being courted briefly by a few Division I-A schools, the letters stopped coming. That opened the door for Division I-AA Murray State.

"I think most of the bigger schools were afraid of his lack of size," Christophel said.

Coming out of high school at 6-foot-3, Proctor was tall enough to play anywhere. But he carried only 168 pounds on that lanky frame. He has since put on 37 pounds while growing an inch.

"I was a little upset at first because the Division I schools didn't give me a chance," he said, "but I'm to the point now that I know I'm good and that I could be doing the same things at a bigger school. I'm happy with the way it turned out, though. I'm kind of laughing about it now."

Murray State redshirted Proctor in 1985, then gave him a shot the next year after junior quarterback Mike Woznichak was shaken up in the third game. As a starter, he led the Racers to wins in six of their last eight regular-season games, a first-place OVC tie with Eastern Kentucky and a berth in the I-AA playoffs. He has been starting ever since.

Proctor enjoyed a spectacular sophomore season. He passed for a league-record 2,375 yards and rushed for 197 yards, giving him a school-record 2,572 yards of total offense. He almost equaled that last season with 2,502 yards. Though he threw for a career-high 351 yards against Southern Illinois, his season passing yardage fell to 1,987. But that was because the wishbone option allowed him to gain more yardage on the ground (515).

Now, as he heads into his senior season as a leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award (Division I-AA's version of the Heisman), Proctor may be allowed to call the offensive plays himself in 1989. Racers Coach Mike Mahoney and his staff showed their confidence in Proctor by letting him call all his own plays in the annual Blue and Gold spring game.

"Michael Proctor is a special athlete," Mahoney said. "He comes closer to reaching his full potential every day than any other athlete I've ever been around." ■

OHIO VALLEY DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. EASTERN KENTUCKY
The Colonels boast one of the top I-AA programs and rate as early favorites.

2. MURRAY STATE
With positive answers to questions about both lines, the Racers could win the crown.

3. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
The Blue Raiders' offense must allow a depleted defensive unit time to rebuild.

4. TENNESSEE STATE
The Tigers have an excellent secondary and an outside chance to sneak in.

5. TENNESSEE TECH
This is Ragland's best Golden Eagles squad. A first-division finish is possible.

6. AUSTIN PEAY STATE
The Governors have made good homecoming opponents recently. That won't change.

7. MOREHEAD STATE
A lack of talent, speed and depth will result in frustration for Eagle fans.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-OHIO VALLEY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	GLEN ARTERBURN, Murray State
WR	TY HOWARD, Morehead State
TE	MELVIN JAMES, Middle Tenn. State
T	ERIC CRIGLER, Murray State
T	AL JACEVICIUS, Eastern Kentucky
C	WALTER UNDERWOOD, Morehead St.
G	JOHN HOLMES, Eastern Kentucky
G	RICHARD WATSON, Murray State
QB	MICHAEL PROCTOR, Murray State
RB	TIM LESTER, Eastern Kentucky
RB	FRED LOWERY, Tennessee Tech

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	MARLON PLACIDE, Tennessee Tech
DL	ANTHONY PLEASANT, Tenn. State
DL	BERNARD RHODES, Eastern Kentucky
DL	ERNEST THOMPSON, East. Kentucky
LB	DANNY AMATO, Murray State
LB	KARL CHATMAN, Tennessee State
LB	CHRIS COFFEY, Eastern Kentucky
LB	NORMAN DRAKE, Tennessee Tech
DB	ROBBIE ANDREWS, Eastern Kentucky
DB	JASON JACKSON, Austin Peay State
DB	TONY STARGELL, Tennessee State
DB	JOE STONE, Tennessee State

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	JAMES CAMPBELL, Eastern Kentucky
P	JEFF BUFFALOE, Austin Peay State

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Eastern Kentucky	6	0	0	11	3	0
Middle Tennessee State	4	2	0	7	4	0
Murray State	4	2	0	4	6	0
Tennessee State	2	4	0	3	7	1
Morehead State	2	4	0	3	8	0
Austin Peay State	2	4	0	3	8	0
Tennessee Tech	1	5	0	1	10	0

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

TEAM CHARTS

AUSTIN PEAY STATE

Coach: Paul Brewster (3-8, 1 year).
1988 record: 3-8. OVC: 2-4/T4th.
Key players: Jeff Buffaloe, P; Cody Chilcutt, WR; Sammy Gholston, WR; Garry Gordon, OT; Jason Jackson, CB; Calvin Johnson, DL; Chris Keylon, LB; Mike Lewis, TB; Kevin McClure, DL; Tom McMillan, K; Randy Murphree, LB; Tony Policare, QB; Curtis Ray, DL; Todd Seiple, WR; Marty Staten, LB; Jim Treest, OG.
Schedule: Eastern Illinois, Sept. 2; at Tennessee-Martin, Sept. 9; at Indiana State, Sept. 16; Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 23; at Western Kentucky, Sept. 30; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 7; at Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 21; Morehead State, Oct. 28; at Tennessee State, Nov. 4; Tennessee Tech, Nov. 11; at Murray State, Nov. 18.
Site: Clarksville, Tenn.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Roy Kidd (199-74-8, 25 years).
1988 record: 11-3 (including 2-1 in I-AA playoffs). OVC: 6-0/1st.
Key players: Robbie Andrews, DB; Randy Bohler, FL; James Campbell, K; Mark Canady, DB; Chris Coffey, LB; Brooks Dalrymple, OT; Lorenzo Fields, QB; John Holmes, OG; Al Jacevicius, OT; Brett Kolnick, DE; Tim Lester, RB; Greg McKee, DT; Mark Mitchell, C/OG; Bernard Rhodes, DT; Ernest Thompson, NG.
Schedule: Western Carolina, Sept. 2; at Delaware State, Sept. 9; Western Kentucky, Sept. 23; at Tennessee State, Sept. 30; Austin Peay, Oct. 7; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 14; Marshall, Oct. 21; Murray State, Oct 28; at Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 4; at Central Florida, Nov. 11; at Morehead State, Nov. 18.
Site: Richmond, Ky.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: James (Boots) Donnelly (66-45, 10 years; 80-52 overall, 12 years).
1988 record: 7-4. OVC: 4-2/T2nd.
Key players: Joe Campbell, TB; Anthony Coleman, LB; Chuck Daniel, QB/P; Mike Fairbanks, CB/DE; Mike Gordon, SE; Melvin James, TE; Wade Johnson, FB; Mike Kelly, DL; Bill Kennedy, DL; Tracy Majors, C; Ricky Martin, TB; Jimmy McCamey, DB; Mike Nihill, OG; Kelvin Robinson, DT; Chuck Swafford, CB.
Schedule: At Tennessee State, Sept. 2; at East Tennessee State, Sept. 9; at Western Kentucky, Sept. 16; at Georgia Southern, Sept. 23; Tennessee-Chattanooga, Sept. 30; at North Carolina State, Oct. 7; at Morehead State, Oct. 14; Austin Peay, Oct. 21; Eastern Kentucky, Nov. 4; Murray State, Nov. 11; at Tennessee Tech, Nov. 18.
Site: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MOREHEAD STATE

Coach: Bill Baldridge (15-39, 5 years; 20-44 overall, 6 years).
1988 record: 3-8. OVC: 2-4/T4th.
Key players: James Appel, OT; Darrell Beavers, DB; Doug Bowell, LB; Jeff Burton, DT; David Gifford, DE; Ty Howard, WR; John Irwin, TE/WR; Jim Jackson, LB; Kenny Meadows, P/DB; Greg Mitchell, DB; Ken Moore, LB; Chris Swartz, QB; Mike Turner, LB; Walter Underwood, C; Jerome Williams, RB.
Schedule: At Marshall, Sept. 9; Kentucky State, Sept. 16; Liberty, Sept. 23; at Samford, Sept. 30; at Murray State, Oct. 7; Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 14; at Tennessee State, Oct. 21; at Austin Peay, Oct. 28; Tennessee Tech, Nov. 4; at Cincinnati, Nov. 11; Eastern Kentucky, Nov. 18.
Site: Morehead, Ky.

MURRAY STATE

Coach: Mike Mahoney (10-11, 2 years).
1988 record: 4-6. OVC: 4-2/T2nd.
Key players: Danny Amato, LB; Glen Arterburn, WR; Shelton Burruss, LB; Eric Crigler, OL; Michael Davis, RB; Greg Duncan, K; Craig Hobson, DE; James Huff, WR; Corey Lee, DT; James Lewis, DT; Jamie Lowicz, DE; Terrence Petty, DB; Michael Proctor, QB; Greg Seaphus, LB; Richard Watson, OL.
Schedule: At Tennessee-Martin, Sept. 2; Western Kentucky, Sept. 9; at North Texas, Sept. 16; Southern Illinois, Sept. 23; at Tennessee Tech, Sept. 30; Morehead State, Oct. 7; Tennessee State (at Memphis), Oct. 14; Akron, Oct. 21; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 28; at Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 11; Austin Peay, Nov. 18.
Site: Murray, Ky.

TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Joe Gilliam Sr. (first year at Tennessee State).
1988 record: 3-7-1. OVC: 2-4/T4th.
Key players: Karl Chatman, LB; Ryan Crockett, LB; Alvin Griffin, WR; Chauncey Hines, QB; Michael Jackson, C; Roger Jones, CB; Barry Nixon, OT; Darrell Pannell, OG; Anthony Pleasant, DL; Robert Porcher, DT; Tony Stargell, CB; Joe Stone, S; Melvin Waters, TB.
Schedule: Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 2; at Jackson State, Sept. 9; at Central State, Sept. 15; at Florida A&M, Sept. 23; Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 30; Grambling State, Oct. 7; Murray State (at Memphis), Oct. 14; Morehead State, Oct 21; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 28; Austin Peay, Nov. 4; at Southern University, Nov. 11.
Site: Nashville.

TENNESSEE TECH

Coach: Jim Ragland (6-26, 3 years).
1988 record: 1-10. OVC: 1-5/7th.
Key players: Sam Brooks, WR; Marc Campbell, WR; Thomas DeBow, QB; Gerald Dossett, LB; Norman Drake, LB; Fred Edgington, LB; William Hargrove, RB; Curtis Hissam, DT; Chip Holmes, DB; Jimmy Hull, RB; Fred Lowery, RB; Felix Parham, DB; Marlon Placide, DE; Mike Stewart, RB; Jo Jo Swafford, OT.
Schedule: Lock Haven, Sept. 2; at Tennessee-Chattanooga, Sept. 9; at Samford, Sept. 16; Murray State, Sept. 30; Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 14; at Western Kentucky, Oct. 21; Tennessee State, Oct. 28; at Morehead State, Nov. 4; at Austin Peay, Nov. 11; Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 18.
Site: Cookeville, Tenn.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Tim Lester, Eastern Kentucky, 88.6 yds.pg (159 att., 975 yds., 6.1 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Michael Proctor, Murray State, 113.6 rating pts. (277 att., 132 comp., 1,987 yds.).
Total offense: Michael Proctor, Murray State, 250.2 yds.pg (515 yds. rushing, 1,987 yds. passing, 2,502 total yds.).
Receiving: Jerome Williams, Morehead State, 5.2 rec.pg (47 rec., 367 yds., 7.8 avg.).
Scoring: Jerome Williams, Morehead State, 5.3 pts.pg (8 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 48 pts.).
Punting: Jeff Buffaloe, Austin Peay State, 38.9 avg. (48 punts, 1,865 yds.).
Punt returns: Randy Bohler, Eastern Kentucky, 8.2 avg. (29 att., 237 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Andre O'Kelly, Austin Peay State, 18 avg. (24 att., 433 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Ryan Weeks, Tennessee Tech, .82 FG.pg (9/15 FGs, 60%).
Interceptions: Chuck Swafford, Middle Tennessee State, .45 int.pg (5 int., 30 yds., 0 TDs).

Paladins boast a Sterling jack-of-all-trades

By GLENN ROLLINS
Charlotte Observer

Dwight Sterling may not be the best player in the Southern Conference. Why, he may not even be the best player in Furman's offensive backfield. But he's certainly the league's most versatile athlete.

If you need a player to do something on a football field—anything—Sterling is the man to call. Furman Coach Jimmy Satterfield has been doing just that for three years, with impressive results.

Take last year, for instance. The Paladins went 13-2 and won the Division I-AA championship, and Sterling didn't even play until the third game of the season. But before it was over he had played tailback, fullback and—get this—defensive tackle. Not bad for a guy who began his collegiate career as a noseguard.

Sterling wasn't just any running back last year. He led Furman in rushing with 868 yards (including playoff games). While many players would beg off from additional duty, Sterling pleaded with Satterfield to let him play defense, too.

"I get bored if I play one position all the time," said Sterling, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound senior.

Satterfield finally gave in. Sterling lined up at tackle in four games last season, usually to spell tired teammates who had been rushing pass-happy quarterbacks all afternoon. He participated in 19 plays, producing a sack and three other tackles.

"Dwight's just one of those all-round type guys who can play a lot of positions," Satterfield said. "We feel like we could get about equal performance from him at noseguard, linebacker, offensive guard, tight end, fullback or tailback. He's always after us to let him try another position."

Sterling got his first opportunity on defense last October against Marshall. He didn't make any tackles in four plays, but a month later he got another chance and registered some hits. Furman was leading UT-Chattanooga, 10-7, late in the fourth quarter when the Moccasins got the ball for the last time. Sterling already had rushed for a game-high 57 yards on 11 carries, but he wanted in on defense to help preserve the Paladins' victory.

"I had talked to Coach Satterfield that week and told him I'd like to get a sack if he needed one late in a game," Sterling said.

Said Satterfield: "He'd messed around with it (defensive tackle) a little bit, and he kept asking to go in. Finally, I just looked down the sideline and he was gone before I even said anything."

He made his presence felt just as quickly. He sacked the quarterback, made a solo tackle and assisted on another stop in four plays as the Paladins stopped the Moccasins cold.

Sterling was no novice on the defensive line. He had spent his freshman season at noseguard after being switched from fullback, which was an unusually deep position at the time, one week into fall practice.



Doing a little bit of this and little bit of that, Furman's Dwight Sterling gives opponents headaches.

And he almost left school.

"At first I was hurt by the switch and thought about transferring," he said. "Then I started having fun. I guess there weren't very many good centers in the Southern Conference that year, and I could beat them with my quickness."

He made 30 tackles, including a team-high four sacks and four other tackles for losses.

Sterling came back in August 1987, all fired up and ready to play . . . tailback, not noseguard, because of an injury to Bobby Daugherty. He started gradually but finished with a flourish, rushing for 100-plus yards in each of the Paladins' last two games. He gained 126 against Florida State, making him the only player to rush for more than 100 yards against the Seminoles that season. In that game he broke 18 tackles—an astounding *nine* on one play.

"But really," he said, "I was just glad to be alive."

That's because the Thursday night before that game, Sterling and three teammates had been driving home from a movie when another vehicle ran their car off the road and into a field. The car rolled over, but miraculously, no one was hurt.

"You think you're going to die," he said, "and then when you don't, it's almost funny. The guys had no mercy on us. They said they weren't going to let us on the plane (to Tallahassee), but they did."

Sterling closed out his sophomore campaign by rushing for 135 yards against The Citadel. So, he came back last August primed for a big year at tailback. But by that time, Sterling was ready for a few twists and turns before getting there.

He already had been forced to give up wrestling and track and field, both sports in which he had lettered, partly because of a knee injury he had suffered the winter before. His coaches were hoping that by limiting himself to football, he could heal properly and avoid further injuries. But he cracked two ribs in preseason practice and missed the first two games of 1988.

When he returned, he was splitting tailback time with Daugherty, who was a little better runner. By midseason he also was splitting time at fullback with Kennet Goldsmith, who was a little better blocker. Doing a little bit of this and a little bit of that, Sterling still was giving opponents headaches.

Then Goldsmith went out with a season-ending knee injury in the seventh game, and Sterling suddenly had his third full-time position in as many years.

He performed well in his new role, especially in the playoffs. In the quarterfinals against Marshall, he rushed for 105 yards on 22 carries and scored the game-winning touchdown, culminating a 15-play drive in which he carried the ball eight times. He also played defense for two series as the Paladins hung on for a 13-9 victory. Then in the national championship game against Georgia Southern, Sterling sparked an 80-yard drive late in the third quarter with four carries for 37 yards, including the last five for another game-winning touchdown. He hobbled into the end zone on a hurt ankle and did not play in the fourth quarter, but Furman won, 17-12, giving the Southern Conference its first I-AA champion.

The omnipresent Sterling, despite missing the first two games of 1988, wound up leading the national champs in rushing while averaging 5.2 yards per carry. He also scored 11 touchdowns and even found time to scare a few quarterbacks and make four tackles.

Sterling enters his senior season as a tailback, but Satterfield knows he'll be available if needed elsewhere. Speaking of which, what might be the next move for Furman's MVP (Most Versatile Player)?

Not quarterback. He tried one pass last season and it was intercepted.

Not wide receiver. He caught three balls last season for 15 yards.

But he might pop up anywhere else. Let's see, in high school, he was a kicker and by golly, he wasn't bad, so. . . . ■

SOUTHERN DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. FURMAN
The defending I-AA champion Paladins could be a Top 10 team again this year.

2. MARSHALL
The Thundering Herd's balanced attack will keep it in the 1989 title chase.

3. APPALACHIAN STATE
Don't count the Mountaineers out of contention. They have few glaring weaknesses.

4. THE CITADEL
The Bulldogs have the talent to win many Division I-AA conferences, but not this one.

5. UT-CHATTANOOGA
The Moccasins have improved their offense and rank as the conference sleeper.

6. EAST TENNESSEE STATE
Solid defensive and skill-position talent will make the Buccaneers respectable.

7. WESTERN CAROLINA
The Catamounts have fallen on hard times and the program's status is questionable.

8. VIRGINIA MILITARY INST.
The Keydets are lacking in every area. The program has grown stale.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player, School
WR	JOE BRIGGS, Appalachian State
WR	ANDY SCHULTZ, Western Carolina
TE	JON REED, Western Carolina
T	GREG ADKINS, Marshall
T	DERRICK GRAHAM, Appalachian State
C	STEVE DUGGAN, Furman
G	DAVID ADAMS, Furman
G	RICKY BRAY, UT-Chattanooga
QB	JOHN GREGORY, Marshall
RB	RON DARBY, Marshall
RB	ADRIAN JOHNSON, The Citadel

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player, School
DL	TROY BOECK, UT-Chattanooga
DL	CHRIS CONNER, Appalachian State
DL	RORY FITZPATRICK, Marshall
DL	KELLY FLETCHER, Furman
LB	JEFF BARNES, VMI
LB	LARRY HUFFMAN, Marshall
LB	JUNIOR JACKSON, UT-Chattanooga
LB	KEVIN KENDRICK, Furman
DB	KEITH COLLINS, Appalachian State
DB	RICK HARRIS, East Tennessee State
DB	PAT TURNER, Furman
DB	JACKIE WASHINGTON, UT-Chat.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	DEWEY KLEIN, Marshall
P	BRUCE LEICHT, Furman

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Furman	6	1	0	13	2	0
Marshall	6	1	0	11	2	0
The Citadel	5	2	0	8	4	0
Appalachian State	4	3	0	6	4	1
UT-Chattanooga	3	3	0	4	7	0
Virginia Military Institute	1	5	0	2	9	0
East Tennessee State	1	6	0	3	8	0
Western Carolina	1	6	0	2	9	0

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TEAM CHARTS

APPALACHIAN STATE

Coach: Jerry Moore (first year at Appalachian State; 27-48-2 overall, 7 years).
1988 record: 6-4-1. Southern: 4-3/4th.
Key players: Joe Briggs, FL; Keith Collins, CB; Chris Conner, NT; Mike Frier, DT; Bobby Fuller, QB; Derrick Graham, OT; Johnny Jennings, LB; Randall McCray, FB; Mark Moore, CB; Chuck Phifer, DE; Mike Strickland, OG; Xeno Williams, LB.
Schedule: Gardner-Webb, Sept. 2; at Wake Forest, Sept. 9; at The Citadel, Sept. 16; James Madison, Sept. 23; at East Tennessee State, Sept. 30; Virginia Military, Oct. 7; at Furman, Oct. 14; UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 28; Marshall, Nov. 4; Catawba, Nov. 11; at Western Carolina, Nov. 18.
Site: Boone, N.C.

THE CITADEL

Coach: Charlie Taaffe (12-11, 2 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southern: 5-2/3rd.
Key players: Rick Brodsky, OT; Hank Burriss, P/K; J.J. Davis, LB; Phillip Florence, SE; Adrian Johnson, FB; David Matherly, S; Raymond Mazyck, HB; Mark Nash, SE; David Russinko, DT; Lester Smith, S; Charles Wallace, OG.
Schedule: Wofford, Sept. 9; Appalachian State, Sept. 16; at Navy, Sept. 23; South Carolina State, Sept. 30; Western Carolina, Oct. 7; at Marshall, Oct. 14; UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 21; at East Tennessee State, Oct. 28; Samford, Nov. 4; at Virginia Military, Nov. 11; Furman, Nov. 18.
Site: Charleston, S.C.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Don Riley (3-8, 1 year).
1988 record: 3-8. Southern: 1-6/T7th.
Key players: Albert Burt, TB; Rick Harris, DB; David Harvin, FB; Rayford Johnson, LB; Rodney Landreth, LB; Juan McGarrah, DB; Randy Meredith, QB; Dale Middleton, WR; George Searcy, TB; Mark Williams, QB.
Schedule: At Virginia Military, Sept. 2; Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 9; at Marshall, Sept 16; Western Carolina, Sept. 23; Appalachian State, Sept. 30; at Central Florida, Oct. 7; UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 14; The Citadel, Oct. 28; at William & Mary, Nov. 4; at Furman, Nov. 11; at Samford, Nov. 18.
Site: Johnson City, Tenn.

FURMAN

Coach: Jimmy Satterfield (27-9-2, 3 years).
1988 record: 13-2 (including 4-0 in I-AA playoffs). Southern: 6-1/T1st.
Key players: David Adams, OG; Frankie DeBusk, QB; Steve Duggan, C; Kelly Fletcher, DE; Kevin Kendrick, LB; Greg Key, TE; Bruce Leicht, P; Donald Lipscomb, WR; Brian Pitts, DT; Chris Roper, DE; Dwight Sterling, TB; Pat Turner, CB.
Schedule: At Clemson, Sept. 2; at South Carolina State, Sept. 9; Presbyterian, Sept. 16; at Virginia Military, Sept. 30; Marshall, Oct. 7; Appalachian State, Oct. 14; Wofford, Oct. 21; at Western Carolina, Oct. 28; UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 4; East Tennessee State, Nov. 11; at The Citadel, Nov. 18.
Site: Greenville, S.C.

MARSHALL

Coach: George Chaump (27-11-1, 3 years; 51-27-2 overall, 7 years).
1988 record: 11-2 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southern: 6-1/T1st.
Key players: Greg Adkins, OT; Dom Anzevino, DB; Ron Darby, TB; Rory Fitzpatrick, DT; John Gregory, QB; Scott Heckel, OG; Larry Huffman, LB; Dewey Klein, K; Kerry Parks, TB; Jim Torres, C; Von Woodson, DB.
Schedule: Catawba, Sept. 2; Morehead State, Sept. 9; East Tennessee State, Sept. 16; at UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 23; at Furman, Oct. 7; The Citadel, Oct. 14; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 21; Virginia Military, Oct. 28; at Appalachian State, Nov. 4; Western Carolina, Nov. 11; at Georgia Southern, Nov. 18.
Site: Huntington, W.Va.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

Coach: Buddy Nix (26-29, 5 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Southern: 3-3/5th.
Key players: Troy Boeck, DT; Ricky Bray, OG; Joe Brunson, DE; Vince Correlli, QB; Ken Crisp, OT; Terrone Harris, DE; Brian Hill, C; Carey Jackson, OT; Junior Jackson, LB; Jackie Washington, CB.
Schedule: Tennessee Tech, Sept. 9; at Western Carolina, Sept. 16; Marshall, Sept. 23; at Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 30; Western Kentucky, Oct. 7; at East Tennessee State, Oct. 14; The Citadel, Oct. 21; at Appalachian State, Oct. 28; at Furman, Nov. 4; at Georgia Southern, Nov. 11; Virginia Military, Nov. 18.
Site: Chattanooga.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Coach: Jim Shuck (first year at VMI).
1988 record: 2-9. Southern: 1-5/6th.
Key players: Jeff Barnes, LB; Wade Hawkins, P/K; Tim Hayes, FB; Jim Hubbard, OT; Mike Kemp, LB; Todd Northrop, OT; Wayne Purcell, LB; Beau Quattrone, OG; Steve Roenker, FB; Lionel Taylor, NG; Dap Tillery, DT.
Schedule: East Tennessee State, Sept. 2; at North Carolina, Sept. 9; William & Mary, Sept. 16; at Richmond, Sept. 23; Furman, Sept. 30; at Appalachian State, Oct. 7; at James Madison, Oct. 21; at Marshall, Oct. 28; Davidson, Nov. 4; The Citadel, Nov. 11; at UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 18.
Site: Lexington, Va.

WESTERN CAROLINA

Coach: Dale Strahm (first year at Western Carolina).
1988 record: 2-9. Southern: 1-6/T7th.
Key players: Del Foster, OT; Tony Garagiola, OG; Calvin Gist, LB; Derrick Harrison, DT; Larry Inman, LB; John Martin, OT; Wayne Parker, LB; Jon Reed, TE/WR; Andy Schultz, WR; Mark Smith, QB; Carlton Terry, TB; Craig Williamson, S.
Schedule: At Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 2; Lenoir-Rhyne College, Sept. 9; UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 16; at East Tennessee State, Sept. 23; Mars Hill College, Sept. 30; at The Citadel, Oct. 7; at South Carolina, Oct. 21; Furman, Oct. 28; at Georgia Tech, Nov. 4; at Marshall, Nov. 11; Appalachian State, Nov. 18.
Site: Cullowhee, N.C.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Ron Darby, Marshall, 102.5 yds.pg (247 att., 1,128 yds. 4.6 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Bobby Fuller, Appalachian State, 135.4 rating pts. (217 att., 115 comp., 1,668 yds.).
Total offense: John Gregory, Marshall, 228.3 yds.pg (-176 yds. rushing, 2,687 yds. passing, 2,511 total yds.).
Receiving: Jon Reed, Western Carolina, 3.4 rec.pg (37 rec., 613 yds., 16.6 avg.).
Scoring: Ron Darby, Marshall, 8.7 pts.pg (16 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 96 pts.).
Punting: Bruce Leicht, Furman, 40.5 avg. (41 punts, 1,660 yds.).
Punt returns: Pat Turner, Furman, 5.9 avg. (27 att., 159 yds, 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Albert Burt, East Tennessee State, 25.8 avg. (22 att., 568 yds., 2 TDs).
Field goals: Dewey Klein, Marshall, 1.64 FG.pg (18/24 FGs, 75%).
Interceptions: Rick Harris, East Tennessee State, .55 int.pg (6 int., 139 yds., 0 TDs).

League's top QB is back—and should be better

By CARL DUBOIS
Lake Charles (La.) American Press

Scott Davis was named the Southland Conference's Newcomer of the Year in 1987 and Offensive Player of the Year last season. One wonders what more the North Texas quarterback can accomplish in his final two years of eligibility.

Davis has some ideas. For starters, he wants to win a league championship.

"It's fun to win the awards, but we haven't won the conference since 1983," said Davis, a 6-foot-2, 187-pound junior. "I'd like to throw the personal honors out the window in exchange for a conference title."

With Davis at the offensive controls, the Eagles have come close. The 1987 team tied for second with a 5-1 conference record, losing only to eventual Division I-AA national champion Northeast Louisiana, which also beat the Eagles in the opening round of the playoffs. Last year the Eagles got off to a 6-1 start, including impressive wins over Texas Tech (29-24) and Arkansas State (49-21). Even a last-minute, 27-24 loss at Texas couldn't keep North Texas from being ranked No. 1 in the Division I-AA poll for six straight weeks.

After a 3-0 conference start, however, the Eagles fell to Stephen F. Austin State and Northwestern State. North Texas got a reprieve when it joined the other two teams in the I-AA playoffs, but a 7-0 loss to Marshall in the first round left the Eagles with a final mark of 8-4.

"The loss to SFA hit me like a ton of bricks," Davis said. "They came out and physically beat us—bad. I was scrambling all over the place. They had a good defensive scheme and the players executed it. That game left a big hole in my stomach."

It also exposed some holes in Davis' game. Though he already is acknowledged as the best quarterback in the league, Davis won't be considered truly dominant until he corrects these weaknesses that the Eagles' earlier opponents failed to discover.

Davis rushed for 103 yards and passed for 153 against Texas Tech, and he set a league record with 419 yards passing against Texas. The Southwest Conference schools showed little variety in their defensive coverages, and Davis picked them apart.

Stephen F. Austin and Northwestern State did not repeat those mistakes.

"Texas pretty much played the way they like to, in what we call a 'man free' base coverage," Eagles Coach Corky Nelson said. "They went to some three-deep zone late, but just for a few plays.

"The thing is, you learn a lot about yourself as a team when you play the big schools like Texas and Texas Tech. But your opponents in conference learn a lot about you, too. They certainly won't play to your strengths after they've seen them on film."

To wit, North Texas dropped two straight Southland games when the offense struggled against mixed and disguised coverages.



North Texas quarterback Scott Davis has average speed and arm strength, but his competitiveness carries him a long way.

"The big thing is to take what the defense is giving you, but Scott has the tendency to force the ball, looking for the big play," Nelson said. "And here was a sophomore in college facing eight-man-drop pass coverages he'd never seen before. His deficiencies were exploited.

"He had some good numbers even in our losses, but some of those losses were due to poor decisions he made. If he takes those experiences into the future with him and learns from it, he'll be an even better quarterback than he's been."

Davis was a power-oriented quarterback at Berkner High School in Richardson, Tex., throwing more than 10 passes in a game only once in his career. His only scholarship offer came from North Texas, a pure wishbone team at the time.

"We recruited him as an athlete," Eagles quarterbacks coach Ronny Feldman said. "We sign at least two quarterbacks a year, and last year we had six former high school quarterbacks starting at other positions. Usually the best player on a high school team is the quarterback, but since the margin of error is much smaller in college at that position, they often don't work out. But they are such good athletes, you can usually find a spot for them on the roster if they don't work out at quarterback."

Feldman said Davis' "mechanics were very bad" when he arrived at North Texas, and he worked the quarterback hard during a redshirt year in 1986. Davis then got a break early the next year when starting quarterback Bron Beal was injured. Davis took over and completed 64 of 127 passes for 1,023 yards and eight touchdowns and rushed for 316 yards.

Before last season, Nelson installed a combination of wishbone and run-and-shoot sets, producing the "wish-and-shoot." Davis adapted by completing 158 of 270 passes for 2,409 yards and 12 TDs and leading the team with 439 yards rushing. He paced the league in passing and total offense (258.9 yards per game).

"We opened the offense up to take advantage of his maturity and skills," said Nelson, who believes Davis, with only 4.7-second speed in the 40-yard dash and an average arm, excels by being a quick learner and a competitor.

Feldman agrees. "His biggest flaw is his lack of patience—he wants it now," Feldman said. "Because of that I had to learn patience to work with him. But his biggest attribute is competitiveness, and that carries him a long way."

Still, determination alone could not push Davis over the top against defenses that read like coded military secrets.

"Not only did I not anticipate what those teams did, the coaches didn't, either," Davis said. "I saw nothing but base coverages all spring."

Such was not the case last spring, of course, as the Eagles tried to better prepare him for this season. The question is whether Davis will react more astutely when confronted by unusual formations. If he does, he could be unstoppable.

"I don't think he's arrived yet at the level of being an outstanding quarterback," said Nelson, who admitted that Davis is close. "You can't attribute wins or losses to one guy, but a lot of his inadequacies showed up in our losses.

"But he is a competitor. When we were coming off the field at Texas, where we led (or were tied) for all but the final minute, we were really down. We'd gotten the ball back with 45 seconds left after Texas scored and moved it downfield. We just ran out of time. Well, here comes Scott, and he says, 'Coach, we would have won it if we'd had more time on the clock.' "

Coming so close, only to lose, stung Davis.

"We outplayed Texas the whole game, then every phase of the game broke down late," he recalled. "We missed a field goal, didn't drive to put the game away, and then our defense broke down.

"But what I'll never understand is how after we beat Texas Tech and then Arkansas State, 49-21, Texas was still a 17-point favorite. We took that personally.

"Just thinking about it makes me excited about the coming season. I'm ready to go out there and play right now."

Patience, Scott. Patience. ■

SOUTHLAND DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. NORTH TEXAS
Adequate secondary replacements will assure the Eagles a shot at a national crown.

2. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE
The Lumberjacks can't match the Eagles, but they're still among the nation's best.

3. NORTHWESTERN STATE
The talented Demons get to play both the Eagles and Lumberjacks at home.

4. NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
New Coach Dave Roberts will take the Indians back to the top—but not in '89.

5. McNEESE STATE
The Cowboys enjoy sleeper status because of their strong offensive backfield.

6. SAM HOUSTON STATE
The best news for the Bearkats is that Southwest Texas also is in the conference.

7. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
Once a dominant Division II program, the Bobcats have been declawed.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHLAND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player, School
WR	JOE BRADFORD, Stephen F. Austin
WR	AL EDWARDS, Northwestern State
TE	JACKIE HARRIS, Northeast Louisiana
T	SCOTT BOWLES, North Texas
T	REGGIE LAWSON, Northeast Louisiana
C	JEFF JACKSON, Stephen F. Austin
G	BO ALEXANDER, Stephen F. Austin
G	JOHN KING, Northwestern State
QB	SCOTT DAVIS, North Texas
RB	TONY CITIZEN, McNeese State
RB	DARRIN COLLINS, North Texas

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	ANDRE FINLEY, Sam Houston State
DL	GLENN MANGOLD, SW Texas State
DL	RODERICK MANNING, North Texas
DL	SHAWN WASH, North Texas
LB	DARRIN ANDRUS, McNeese State
LB	ANDRE CARRON, Northwestern State
LB	BYRON GROSS, North Texas
LB	ROD MOON, Northeast Louisiana
DB	WALTER CASEY, North Texas
DB	RANDY HILLIARD, Northwestern State
DB	DENNIS SMITH, Northwestern State
DB	DAVID WHITMORE, Stephen F. Austin

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	KEITH CHAPMAN, North Texas
P	BART BRADLEY, Sam Houston State

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Northwestern State.....	6	0	0	10	3	0
Stephen F. Austin State...	5	1	0	10	3	0
North Texas	4	2	0	8	4	0
McNeese State.....	3	3	0	6	5	0
Northeast Louisiana.....	2	4	0	5	6	0
Southwest Texas State....	1	5	0	4	7	0
Sam Houston State.....	0	6	0	3	8	0

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

TEAM CHARTS

McNEESE STATE

Coach: Sonny Jackson (8-14, 2 years; 47-42-1 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 6-5. Southland: 3-3/4th.
Key players: Darrin Andrus, LB; Devin Babineaux, LB; Rodney Burks, DT; Tony Citizen, TB; Jeff Delhomme, WR; Scott Dieterich, QB; Hud Jackson, QB; Troy Jones, TB; Mark LeBlanc, FB; Jeff Mathews, C; Mark McMahon, CB; Mike Pierce, S; Jimmy Poirier, P; Bobby Smith, TE; Kip Texada, CB.
Schedule: Mississippi College, Sept. 2; Samford, Sept. 9; at Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 16; at Northwestern State, Sept. 23; Nicholls State, Sept. 30; at Arkansas State, Oct. 14; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 21; Southwest Texas State, Oct. 28; North Texas State, Nov. 4; at Sam Houston State, Nov. 11; at Lamar, Nov. 18.
Site: Lake Charles, La.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Coach: Dave Roberts (first year at Northeast Louisiana; 26-30-2 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 5-6. Southland: 2-4/5th.
Key players: Norman Amos, DL; Ken Burton, WR; Brian Castle, DL; Jackie Harris, TE; Billy Jung, OT; Reggie Lawson, OT; Chad Lowe, CB; Marcus Martin, S; Rod Moon, LB; George Murphy, LB; Doug Pederson, QB; Hiram Porter, CB; Cisco Richard, TB; Jeff Steele, TB; Bobby Van Buren, FB.
Schedule: Nicholls State, Sept. 9; McNeese State, Sept. 16; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 23; Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 30; at Mississippi State, Oct. 7; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 14; Northwestern State (at Shreveport), Oct. 21; Arkansas State, Oct. 28; at Louisiana Tech, Nov. 4; at Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 11; North Texas, Nov. 18.
Site: Monroe, La.

NORTH TEXAS

Coach: Corky Nelson (37-41-1, 7 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southland: 4-2/3rd.
Key players: Clay Bode, C; Scott Bowles, OT; Walter Casey, DB; Keith Chapman, K; Darrin Collins, FB; Tony Cook, RB; Scott Davis, QB; Byron Gross, LB; Roderick Manning, DE; Kregg Sanders, TE; Jeff Tutson, CB; Shawn Wash, DT.
Schedule: Abilene Christian, Sept. 9; Murray State, Sept. 16; at Arkansas State, Sept. 23; at Kansas State, Sept. 30; at Northwestern State, Oct. 7; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 14; Sam Houston State, Oct. 21; at Southern Methodist, Oct. 28; at McNeese State, Nov. 4; Southwest Texas, Nov. 11; at Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 18.
Site: Denton, Tex.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Coach: Sam Goodwin (35-32-1, 6 years; 44-43-2 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 10-3 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southland: 6-0/1st.
Key players: Andre Carron, LB; David Chitman, CB; Steve Compton, S; Ken DeWitt, RB; Al Edwards, WR; Brian Guidry, DT; Randy Hilliard, CB; Adrian Howard, CB; John King, OL; Anthony Mason, WR; Mike Owens, OT; Tracy Palmer, LB; Mitch Rowe, DT; Dennis Smith, S; Scott Stoker, QB.
Schedule: At Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 2; at Eastern Illinois, Sept. 9; East Texas State, Sept. 16; McNeese State, Sept. 23; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 30; North Texas, Oct. 7; at Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 21; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 28; at Nicholls State, Nov. 4; Jackson State, Nov. 11; Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 18.
Site: Natchitoches, La.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Coach: Ron Randleman (43-35, 7 years; 130-77-3 overall, 20 years).
1988 record: 3-8. Southland: 0-6/7th.
Key players: Michael Bankston, DE; Randy Bartosh, SE; Jeff Behn, OT; Charles Boyce, CB; Bart Bradley, P; Don Clem, LB; Andre Finley, DE; Scott Ford, FL; Rodney Howerton, OG; Jeff Kerby, OT; Doc Livingston, CB; Darryl Montgomery, FB; Mike Ober, DT; Mike Otis, LB; Murphy Yates, OG.
Schedule: Montana State, Sept. 9; at Angelo State, Sept. 16; at Lamar, Sept. 23; Texas Southern, Sept. 30; Nicholls State, Oct. 7; Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 14; at North Texas, Oct. 21; Northwestern State, Oct. 28; at Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 4; McNeese State, Nov. 11; at Southwest Texas State, Nov. 18.
Site: Huntsville, Tex.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Coach: John O'Hara (31-35, 6 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Southland: 1-5/6th.
Key players: Todd Davis, LB; Glenn Mangold, DT; Ken Matula, DE; Mike Murphy, SE; Jeff Novak, OT; Greg Pagel, QB; Ernie Powell, DE; Reggie Rivers, FB; Tommy Salazar, OG; Matt Wright, DT.
Schedule: Texas A&I, Sept. 2; Prairie View A&M, Sept. 9; Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 23; Northwestern State, Sept. 30; at Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 7; at Texas Southern, Oct. 14; at Nicholls State, Oct. 21; at McNeese State, Oct. 28; Lamar, Nov. 4; at North Texas, Nov. 11; Sam Houston State, Nov. 18.
Site: San Marcos, Tex.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE

Coach: Lynn Graves (first year at Stephen F. Austin).
1988 record: 10-3 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southland: 5-1/2nd.
Key players: Bo Alexander, OG; Brad Barfield, TE; Joe Bradford, WR; Greg Bryant, OT; Larry Centers, RB; James Cobb, DB; Roland Dumes, RB; Todd Hammel, QB; Jeff Jackson, C; Mervin Jones, DT; Dave Kelley, WR; Chuck Rawlinson, K; Roderick Stansell, DT; David Whitmore, DB; Eric Wright, WR.
Schedule: At Jackson State, Sept. 2; at Boise State, Sept. 9; Nicholls State, Sept. 23; at Lamar, Sept. 30; Southwest Texas State, Oct. 7; at North Texas, Oct. 14; at McNeese State, Oct. 21; at Eastern Washington, Oct. 28; Sam Houston State, Nov. 4; Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 11; at Northwestern State, Nov. 18.
Site: Nacogdoches, Tex.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Larry Centers, Stephen F. Austin State, 75.7 yds.pg (223 att., 839 yds., 3.7 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Scott Stoker, Northwestern State, 145.5 rating pts. (207 att., 115 comp., 1,966 yds.).
Total offense: Scott Davis, North Texas, 258.9 yds.pg (439 yds. rushing, 2,409 yds. passing, 2,848 total yds.).
Receiving: Larry Centers, Stephen F. Austin State, 3.8 rec.pg (42 rec., 569 yds., 13.6 avg.).
Scoring: Keith Chapman, North Texas, 8.6 pts.pg (0 TDs, 37 PATs, 19 FGs, 94 pts.).
Punting: Bart Bradley, Sam Houston State, 40.4 avg. (85 punts, 3,435 yds.).
Punt returns: Jeff Steele, Northeast Louisiana, 11.9 avg. (27 att., 320 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Anthony Landry, Stephen F. Austin State, 22.5 avg. (17 att., 382 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Chuck Rawlinson, Stephen F. Austin State, 1.9 FG.pg (19/25 FGs, 76%).
Interceptions: Mike Pierce, McNeese State, .36 int.pg (4 int., 3 yds., 0 TDs).

Off-season turmoil dims Prairie View's hopes

By CARL DUBOIS
Lake Charles (La.) American Press

Down in Brenham, Tex., an hour northwest of Houston, the landscape is picturesque, the life style pastoral, the pace slow and serene.

If the advertising campaign of Brenham-based Blue Bell ice cream is to be believed, the product's success owes to a simple truth: "The cows think Brenham is heaven."

Twenty-seven miles southeast of Brenham off U.S. 290 is Prairie View A&M University, where all was not slow and serene over the winter. A bitter revolt by the school's football team placed Prairie View considerably south of heaven.

The 1988 Panthers had posted their best record since 1976, a 5-5 mark that suggested that recent hard times at the land-grant college might be coming to an end. But that notion was dispelled in February when the players, en masse, walked out prior to spring drills. They called a strike and demanded the dismissal of Coach Haney Catchings.

The players charged Catchings with holding their academics hostage, conducting unsafe, six-hour practices and withholding scholarship and other grant-in-aid funds to ensure top performance. A university investigation cleared Catchings of any wrongdoing, but a black cloud still hovered over Prairie View as the summer drew to a close.

University President Percy Pierre did counsel Catchings to improve his communications with the players, and Brutus Jackson, the school's athletic director, was reassigned, at his own request, amid allegations that he had awarded athletic scholarships to his son and daughter—neither of whom had participated in school athletics.

When the players realized that Catchings was going to stay, 42 of the 55 returned for spring practice. Prairie View signed 16 high school seniors, and Catchings turned his attention to the 1989 season.

"There's nothing to say about the strike," Catchings said in the spring, casting a long, hard glance at reporters after weeks of impromptu press conferences. "We have a football season to prepare for, and that's my job. That's where my attention is focused."

Catchings will have a tough task this fall. Eighteen seniors are gone from a 1988 roster that included 29 freshmen and just 11 juniors.

It doesn't look good for an anemic offense that finished seventh in the eight-team Southwestern Athletic Conference. Promising freshman quarterback Kevin Phillips is back, but his top four receivers are either graduated or AWOL after the strike. Also gone is talented running back Victor Pegram, who averaged 7.1 yards on 42 carries last season, leaving the backfield woefully inexperienced. Six starters must be replaced.



Prairie View A&M Coach Haney Catchings will have to make some changes in his coaching style.

The defensive outlook isn't much brighter. Prairie View ranked last in the conference (allowing 374 yards per game), and 10 of the Panthers' top 14 tacklers will not be on their 1989 roster.

One athletic official, who asked not to be identified, claimed the player walkout was spearheaded by an angry handful of players who had been declared ineligible for fifth-year senior status.

"It goes all the way back to Coach Conway Hayman," he said, referring to Catchings' predecessor who was fired in 1987 and now works as an assistant at Houston. "Coach Hayman never filed redshirt papers on these guys. They asked Catchings to get them a doctor's note saying they were injured as freshmen, and when he wouldn't do it, they called the strike and started making up all these violations they said Catchings was guilty of.

"Their motivations were purely selfish."

Offensive linemen Richard Haynes and Herman Moore served as the players' spokesmen during the strike. Both had been declared ineligible for their senior seasons. Moore and offensive tackle Scottie Fizer told reporters during the school's investigation that players had made Pierre and Jackson aware of NCAA violations in the football program, but Pierre cleared Catchings.

"The charges against Coach Catchings were mostly about his personality," Pierre said. "That is not grounds for dismissal. Clearly, you can't run a university as a popularity contest. We have professors who are very good but they are unpopular. You have to look at the rules, performance and violations of basic policy."

Catchings will, however, have to make some changes in his coaching style. Top priority was communication of the importance of academics and the need to work with his players to schedule study time while limiting long practices.

Rickey Walker, Prairie View's sports information director, said the charges of marathon practices were greatly exaggerated.

"Workouts would begin at 4, the players would break for supper at 6 and report back for film at 7:30 or an hourlong workout under the lights," Walker said. "What they would do is say, 'We've been out here from 4 until 9 o'clock. That's five hours.' It was very misleading."

Walker and Catchings both said players had ample time to study, even on the road, and that allegations of improper allocation of textbooks and scholarship money were misdirected.

"Every player has to fill out a book list at the beginning of each semester," Walker said. "In some cases, those lists were never turned in. And the requests all go through the athletic department, not to Coach Catchings."

Pierre's investigation also said that Catchings was not responsible for the awarding of scholarship funds and that the players' declining grades were the result of heavy class loads and more challenging courses, not the coach's negligence.

"I think there must be some corruption at the top," Moore said at his last public press conference. "(Pierre) said they did not have anything to go on. But he stressed that grades had fallen, and I think that's enough to terminate (Catchings)."

But Catchings remains, and slowly most of the striking players have limped back into step, now quiet and guarded.

"Nobody wants to say anything now," one player said. "There's a lot of speculation about who might play and who might not, come the fall. A lot of guys on this team are wondering if they stuck their necks out too far."

Another 5-5 season would be welcomed at Prairie View, if for no other reason than to create a feeling of stability. All school athletics are in an economic pinch, relying on imported funds as part of the Texas A&M University system. Since football is king at Prairie View, like the rest of Texas, school morale is often defined by that sport's success.

The Panthers will likely endure their 13th straight non-winning season, but Catchings remains upbeat.

"I have a program to build, and I intend to build it," he said. "Those who want to play football will have the chance to do so." ■

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. JACKSON STATE
No team in the SWAC comes close to the Tigers' depth.

2. GRAMBLING STATE
Bolstered by superb skill-position talent on offense, the Tigers will return to contention.

3. ALABAMA STATE
The Hornets are worthy competition for any foe. Markham is a vastly underrated coach.

4. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
After two losing seasons, the Delta Devils are primed for a first-division finish.

5. SOUTHERN
Solid defense and Kimble's new passing game will make the Jaguars a better team.

6. ALCORN STATE
These Braves will be about as successful as their namesakes in Atlanta usually are.

7. TEXAS SOUTHERN
The Tigers have become pussycats, and this season shouldn't be any different.

8. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
In the wake of the players' revolt last spring, the Panthers are tough to judge.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-SWAC TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	FRED JONES, Grambling State
WR	RON LEWIS, Jackson State
TE	DARRIN DUPLESSIS, Alabama State
T	TIM BROWN, Jackson State
T	RICHARD WRIGHT, Jackson State
C	ROBERT ARNOLD, Texas Southern
G	PATRICK JOHNSON, Alabama State
G	DEATRICK LOCKRIDGE, Jackson State
QB	CLEMENTE GORDON, Grambling State
RB	WALTER DEAN, Grambling State
RB	RONALD HUMPHREY, Miss. Valley St.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	DEXTER BLACKMON, Southern
DL	CHRIS GALE, Jackson State
DL	JOHNNY SIMS, Miss. Valley State
DL	TERRY SMITH, Texas Southern
LB	DARION CONNER, Jackson State
LB	BENNIE GOODS, Alcorn State
LB	KEVIN HARRIS, Texas Southern
LB	GERRICK MUSE, Grambling State
DB	IVAN GERALDS, Grambling State
DB	GARRY LEWIS, Alcorn State
DB	MICHAEL WALLACE, Jackson State
DB	HARVEY WILSON, Southern

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	OSA OHONBA, Jackson State
P	KIRK DAVENPORT, Southern

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Jackson State	7	0	0	8	1	2
Grambling State	5	2	0	8	3	0
Alabama State	4	3	0	7	3	0
Alcorn State	4	3	0	6	4	0
Southern	4	3	0	6	5	0
Prairie View A&M	3	4	0	5	5	0
Mississippi Valley State	1	6	0	3	8	0
Texas Southern	0	7	0	0	11	0

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TEAM CHARTS

ALABAMA STATE

Coach: Houston Markham (15-6, 2 years).
1988 record: 7-3. SWAC: 4-3/T3rd.
Key players: Reggie Adams, P; Darrin Duplessis, TE; Meryles Gilbert, LB; Mark Hurt, DB; Benny Ingram, FB; Ricky Jones, QB; Patrick Johnson, OG; Tim Lemons, TB; John Mitchell, DB; Willie Stallworth, DL.
Schedule: Southern (at Mobile), Sept. 9; Alcorn State, Sept. 16; at Texas Southern, Sept. 23; at Florida A&M, Sept. 30; at Jackson State, Oct. 7; Albany State, Oct. 14; Prairie View A&M, Oct. 21; Alabama A&M (at Birmingham), Oct. 28; Grambling State, Nov. 4; at Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 11; Tuskegee, Nov. 23.
Site: Montgomery, Ala.

ALCORN STATE

Coach: Theo Danzy (17-12, 3 years; 35-41-3 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 6-4. SWAC: 4-3/T3rd.
Key players: Shawn Archer, OT; Bennie Goods, LB; James Harper, OG; Garry Lewis, DB; Willie McGowan Jr., OG; Jimmy Miller, C; Mark Scott, OT; Torrance Small, FL; Edward Whatley, TE; DeWayne White, OT.
Schedule: Grambling State (at Los Angeles), Sept. 3; at Alabama State, Sept. 16; Abilene Christian, Sept. 23; at Texas Southern, Oct. 7; Lamar, Oct. 14; at Southern, Oct. 21; at Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 28; Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 4; Prairie View A&M, Nov. 11; at Jackson State, Nov. 18.
Site: Lorman, Miss.

GRAMBLING STATE

Coach: Eddie Robinson (349-122-15, 46 years).
1988 record: 8-3. SWAC: 5-2/2nd.
Key players: Walter Dean, RB; Ivan Geralds, S; Clemente Gordon, QB; Steven Grant, SE; Lionel Henderson, TE; Daniel Jones, C; Fred Jones, WR; Gerrick Muse, LB; Lionel Prudhomme, LB; Jake Reed, WB; Clarence Spottsville, FB; Carl Taylor, DE.
Schedule: Alcorn State (at Los Angeles), Sept. 2; Howard (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Sept. 9; at Prairie View A&M, Sept. 30; at Tennessee State, Oct. 7; Mississippi Valley State (at Shreveport), Oct. 14; at Jackson State, Oct. 21; Texas Southern, Oct. 28; at Alabama State, Nov. 4; South Carolina State, Nov. 11; Southern (at New Orleans), Nov. 18.
Site: Grambling, La.

JACKSON STATE

Coach: W.C. Gorden (98-35-5, 13 years).
1988 record: 8-1-2 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). SWAC: 7-0/1st.
Key players: Tim Brown, OT; Darion Conner, LB; Chris Gale, DL; Ron Lewis, WR; Deatrick Lockridge, OG; Osa Ohonba, K; Kenneth Primos, CB; Alex Robinson, RB; Michael Wallace, CB; Richard Wright, OT.
Schedule: Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 2; Tennessee State, Sept. 9; at Prairie View A&M, Sept. 16; Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 23; Bethune-Cookman (at Indianapolis), Sept. 30; Alabama State, Oct. 7; Southern, Oct. 14; Grambling State, Oct. 21; at Texas Southern, Nov. 4; at Northwestern State, Nov. 11; Alcorn State, Nov. 18.
Site: Jackson, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

Coach: Ken Pettiford (4-18, 2 years).
1988 record: 3-8. SWAC: 1-6/7th.
Key players: Clarence Alexander, WR; Cedric Davis, P/K; Donald Holt, OL; Ronald Humphrey, RB; Marvin McCray, RB; Everett Nicholas, DB; Johnny Sims, DL; Willie Stewart, QB; J.T. Thomas, DB; James Williams, DB.
Schedule: At Hampton, Sept. 2; Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sept. 6; Lane College, Sept. 16; at Jackson State, Sept. 23; Southern, Sept. 30; Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 7; at Grambling State, Oct. 14; Texas Southern, Oct. 21; at Prairie View A&M, Oct. 28; at Alcorn State, Nov. 4; at Alabama State, Nov. 11.
Site: Itta Bena, Miss.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Coach: Haney Catchings (8-9, 2 years).
1988 record: 5-5. SWAC: 3-4/6th.
Key players: Kevin Phillips, QB; Kevin Bray, QB; Cornelius Conley, DL; George Glaze, WR; George Payne, OL; Kevin Peterson, S; Kevin Phillips, QB; Wendell Smith, LB; Anthony Wallace, LB.
Schedule: At Texas Southern, Sept. 2; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 9; Jackson State, Sept. 16; Southern (at Houston), Sept. 23; Grambling State (at Dallas), Sept. 30; at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Oct. 7; at Alabama State, Oct. 21; Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 28; at Langston, Nov. 4; at Alcorn State, Nov. 11.
Site: Prairie View, Tex.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Coach: Gerald Kimble (first year at Southern).
1988 record: 6-5. SWAC: 4-3/T3rd.
Key players: Dexter Blackmon, NG; Darry Brooks, LB; Donald Bullock, OT; Gary Campbell, C; Douglas Craft, S; Kirk Davenport, CB/P; Barry Kimbrough, TB; Elliott Searcy, WR; Keith Tillage, TE; Aeneas Williams, LB/DB; Harvey Wilson, S.
Schedule: At Alabama State, Sept. 9; Texas Southern, Sept. 16; at Prairie View A&M, Sept. 23; at Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 30; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 7; at Jackson State, Oct. 14; Alcorn State, Oct. 21; Nicholls State, Oct. 28; at Florida A&M, Nov. 4; Tennessee State, Nov. 11; Grambling State (at New Orleans), Nov. 18.
Site: Baton Rouge, La.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

Coach: Walter Highsmith (first year at Texas Southern).
1988 record: 0-11. SWAC: 0-7/8th.
Key players: Robert Arnold, C; Clinton Brewster, QB; Gayleon Carson, OT; Michael Ceasar, LB; Kevin Harris, LB; Denny Moore, S; Will Moore, WR; Curtis Neill, TE/P; Terry Smith, DT; Brian Wiggins, WR.
Schedule: Prairie View A&M, Sept. 2; at Texas A&I, Sept. 9; at Southern, Sept. 16; Alabama State, Sept. 23; at Sam Houston State, Sept. 30; Alcorn State, Oct. 7; Southwest Texas State, Oct. 14; at Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 21; at Grambling State, Oct. 28; Jackson State, Nov. 4; at Central Florida, Nov. 18.
Site: Houston.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Ronald Humphrey, Mississippi Valley State, 76.7 yds.pg (143 att., 767 yds., 5.4 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Clemente Gordon, Grambling State, 119.4 rating pts. (285 att., 129 comp., 1,975 yds.).
Total offense: Clemente Gordon, Grambling State, 160.9 yds.pg (-205 yds. rushing, 1,975 yds. passing, 1,770 total yds.).
Receiving: Brian Wiggins, Texas Southern, 3.8 rec.pg (42 rec., 568 yds., 13.5 avg.).
Scoring: Fred Jones, Grambling State, 5.5 pts.pg (10 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 60 pts.).
Punting: Reggie Adams, Alabama State, 37.4 avg. (62 punts, 2,317 yds.).
Punt returns: Deon Taylor, Alcorn State, 6 avg. (30 att., 180 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Nathaniel Singleton, Grambling State, 29.3 avg. (16 att., 468 yds., 1 TD).
Interceptions: Harvey Wilson, Southern, .64 int.pg (7 int., 92 yds., 0 TDs).

Matt DeGennaro ready to face newest challenge

By PHIL CHARDIS
Manchester Journal Inquirer

Matt DeGennaro is about to discover the price of success. His 1988 designation as Yankee Conference Offensive Player of the Year most assuredly will get expensive.

First, Connecticut's junior quarterback will have to deal with the lofty expectations of his own teammates and coaches. Then he'll have to cope with opposing players and coaches, who will be designing game plans in his honor. And, finally, he'll have to come to terms with what Matt DeGennaro expects of himself.

No problem. The more pressure, the better DeGennaro likes it.

"It's like school," he explained. "When I take easy classes, I do worse. When there is added pressure, I always perform better."

DeGennaro will have a difficult time performing better than last year. Connecticut fans have never seen anybody quite like him before. Sometime during the Huskies' 1989 opener against Central Connecticut State, DeGennaro should become the all-time passing yardage leader in school history. That will simply add to his impressive—and growing—list of school records.

DeGennaro threw for a single-season record 2,633 yards last season, completing 61.5 percent of his passes and notching 17 touchdowns. He was intercepted 13 times, or about once every 30 attempts. He added four rushing touchdowns and a school-record 2,681 yards in total offense.

In his two-year career, DeGennaro has completed 61 percent of his passes for 4,839 yards and 35 touchdowns and produced 4,913 yards in total offense. He already is the all-time UConn leader in completions (431) and is a close second in many other categories. Barring injury, his name will top every UConn passing list by the end of this season.

"If all your team does is throw, you'd better run up those numbers," Huskies Coach Tom Jackson said. "But we don't do that. We've been as balanced between running and passing as anybody in this league. Matt's the guy pulling the trigger, but we like to have a lot of people involved. That's what makes Matt's numbers so impressive."

To everyone, perhaps, but DeGennaro.

"I'm happy with my stats, but I'm not really surprised," he said. "You throw a lot, you're going to get high numbers. I would have felt a lot better about it if we had won."

DeGennaro has led the Huskies to consecutive 7-4 seasons, but UConn has failed in its bid to earn a berth in the Division I-AA national playoffs. Last season was particularly frustrating. The Huskies stood 7-2 with games remaining against two of the conference's weaker teams—Boston University and Rhode Island. They lost both, the finale on their home field.

"I can't explain what happened. I don't know what happened," said the 6-foot-2, 206-pound DeGennaro. "I can tell you one thing, though. If we're in that position again, it's not going to happen. I don't feel like 7-4 is anything great. We're on the verge, but we need a little extra."



Barring injury, Matt DeGennaro will top every Connecticut passing list by the end of the season.

Connecticut enters the 1989 season as one of the Yankee favorites, even though the Huskies lost all of their experienced tailbacks and their top three receivers, including All-America Glenn Antrum, the school's all-time leading pass catcher. The reason: DeGennaro.

"We try to fight ourselves from relying on Matt too much," Jackson said. "We have to work hard at treating him like everybody else. But we know the defensive focus will shift to him, because we'll have so many new guys around him. I think now, he's ready for that challenge.

"Matt's a leader by action, and that's how you earn the respect of your teammates. It's rare when a quarterback is voted as captain, but Matt's selection was unanimous."

DeGennaro did not start playing football until he reached high school, but his self-confidence grew quickly. He played three seasons in a weak program at Delaware Valley High School in western New Jersey, then transferred cross-state to Union High School when his family moved. Union was coming off an undefeated season.

"I went to see the coach early in the summer," DeGennaro said, "and he told me he had a 6-6 quarterback coming back. But he promised me a fair opportunity."

That's all he needed. DeGennaro won the starting job and guided Union to an 11-0 record and the No. 5 ranking in USA Today's Top 25.

"I was frustrated because we didn't throw very much," DeGennaro said.

That didn't stop Jackson from noticing the youngster. He never saw DeGennaro play in person, but offered him a scholarship after watching him on film. No other schools were banging on his door.

"UConn took a chance on me and I appreciate that," DeGennaro said. "No one else wanted to."

What Jackson saw on film was a youngster with all the physical tools. But he also noticed something else.

"He had all the components to be a great quarterback," the coach said. "I didn't know if he was ever going to be one, because they all have to come together. He has to be physically and mentally tough, have the ability to be a leader and have extraordinary skills, especially to do what we're doing.

"We felt good about Matt. He wanted to be a great player and education was important to him."

Both Jackson and DeGennaro benefited from the presence of Peter Lane, UConn's senior quarterback the year DeGennaro arrived. Jackson was afforded the luxury of redshirting DeGennaro for a year, allowing him time to practice and grow into the position. DeGennaro's break came the next season, with Lane on the sideline as a volunteer assistant coach.

"I was so naive, I thought I could play right away," DeGennaro said. "I had never been in a passing offense where you had to read defenses. I was totally out of it. The next year, I never could have done it without Pete. He was always on the sideline to calm me down if I was rattled and give me tips. He helped me a lot."

DeGennaro will have a chance to show off his skills when Connecticut plays Division I-A opponents Southern Methodist this year and North Carolina in 1990. But a more immediate goal is a 1989 postseason bid.

"Making the playoffs is a team thing, not personal," DeGennaro said. "We have the capability to get there, no question. If this team wants to work hard enough, we will. You need luck, but I find that if you work real hard, you tend to be more lucky than the guy who doesn't."

Is there pro football somewhere in DeGennaro's future?

"I don't know," he said. "My arm's not real strong and I'm not real fast. But I would take a shot at it. I'll take a shot at anything. It's just like going to Union High. I didn't know if I could do it, but I know I can give it my all."

So far, that's been plenty good enough. ■

YANKEE DATA

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. DELAWARE
The Blue Hens and Coach Tubby Raymond are the class of the league.

2. VILLANOVA
The Wildcats are an enigma—plenty of talent with poor results.

3. MASSACHUSETTS
The Minutemen have received a face-lift and now look like contenders.

4. CONNECTICUT
As long as Matt DeGennaro is alive and healthy, the Huskies are a threat.

5. MAINE
Recent program changes make the Black Bears a tough call. There's talent.

6. NEW HAMPSHIRE
If newcomers play well, the Wildcats could make some title noise.

7. RHODE ISLAND
This program is struggling to maintain its former high standards.

8. BOSTON UNIVERSITY
The Terriers have a good group of receivers, but not much else.

9. RICHMOND
Expectations were high when the Spiders joined the league. Not anymore.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-YANKEE TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	DAREN ALTIERI, Boston University
WR	CHIP MITCHELL, Massachusetts
TE	JOHN YERGEY, Delaware
T	DAVE BUCHANAN, Delaware
T	SCOTT HOUGH, Maine
C	BRYAN RUSSO, Villanova
G	ROB NOBLE, Maine
G	DAVE PRICE, Delaware
QB	MATT DeGENNARO, Connecticut
RB	NORM FORD, New Hampshire
RB	GIL KNIGHT, Delaware

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	TOM COLES, Richmond
DL	JOE CULLEN, Massachusetts
DL	JOHN LEVELIS, Delaware
DL	MIKE RENNA, Delaware
LB	TROY ASHLEY, Connecticut
LB	MATT TULLEY, Massachusetts
LB	WILL TYCHSEN, New Hampshire
LB	MICKEY WATSON, Villanova
DB	TIM BYRNE, New Hampshire
DB	GARRY JORDAN, New Hampshire
DB	KEVIN SMITH, Rhode Island
DB	ROBERT TALLEY, Boston University

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	ROB COURTER, Richmond
P	JEFF OLIVO, Richmond

1988 STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Delaware	6	2	0	7	5	0
Massachusetts	6	2	0	8	4	0
Connecticut	4	4	0	7	4	0
Maine	4	4	0	7	4	0
New Hampshire	4	4	0	6	5	0
Villanova	4	4	0	5	5	1
Boston University	3	5	0	4	7	0
Rhode Island	3	5	0	4	7	0
Richmond	2	6	0	4	7	0

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TEAM CHARTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach: Chris Palmer (4-7, 1 year; 20-11 overall, 3 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Yankee: 3-5/T7th.
Key players: Daren Altieri, WR; Ben Cowan, DL; Pat Faucette, LB; Stan Greene, QB; Darvell Huffman, WR; Vince Jackson, WR; Jim Mercer, DE; Robert Talley, S; Mike White, S.
Schedule: Delaware, Sept. 9; at West Chester, Sept. 15; at Dartmouth, Sept. 23; Massachusetts, Sept. 30; at Richmond, Oct. 7; William & Mary (at Norfolk, Va.), Oct. 14; Rhode Island, Oct. 21; at New Hampshire, Oct. 28; Maine, Nov. 4; at Connecticut, Nov. 11; at Villanova, Nov. 18.
Site: Boston.

CONNECTICUT

Coach: Tom Jackson (34-30, 6 years).
1988 record: 7-4. Yankee: 4-4/T3rd.
Key players: Troy Ashley, LB; Abbott Burrell, S; Mike Coleman, OT; Matt DeGennaro, QB; David Dudley, LB; Paul Jarmoszko, C; Mark Landolfi, FB; Scott Vibberts, TB.
Schedule: Central Connecticut, Sept. 9; at Southern Methodist, Sept. 16; New Hampshire, Sept. 23; at Yale, Sept. 30; at Villanova, Oct. 7; Massachusetts, Oct. 14; at Maine, Oct. 21; at Richmond, Oct. 28; Delaware, Nov. 4; Boston University, Nov. 11; at Rhode Island, Nov. 18.
Site: Storrs, Conn.

DELAWARE

Coach: Tubby Raymond (189-73-2, 23 years).
1988 record: 7-5 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Yankee: 6-2/T1st.
Key players: Dave Buchanan, OT; Gil Knight, HB; John Levelis, DE; Don O'Brien, K; Dave Price, OG; Mike Renna, DT; John Yergey, TE.
Schedule: At Boston University, Sept. 9; at Rhode Island, Sept. 16; West Chester, Sept. 23; New Hampshire, Sept. 30; at William & Mary, Oct. 7; Villanova, Oct. 14; at Massachusetts, Oct. 21; Maine, Oct. 28; at Connecticut, Nov. 4; Richmond, Nov. 11; Navy, Nov. 18.
Site: Newark, Del.

MAINE

Coach: Tom Lichtenberg (first year at Maine; 9-11-1 overall, 2 years).
1988 record: 7-4. Yankee: 4-4/T3rd.
Key players: Mike Buck, QB; Scott Hough, OT; Rob Noble, OG; Claude Pettaway, S; Carl Smith, TB; Mike Smith, LB; Matt Swinson, TE.
Schedule: Youngstown State, Sept. 2; at New Hampshire, Sept. 9; Villanova, Sept. 16; Massachusetts, Sept. 23; Richmond, Sept. 30; Lock Haven, Oct. 7; at Rhode Island, Oct. 14; Connecticut, Oct. 21; at Delaware, Oct. 28; at Boston University, Nov. 4; at Northeastern, Nov. 11.
Site: Orono, Me.

MASSACHUSETTS

Coach: Jim Reid (19-15, 3 years).
1988 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Yankee: 6-2/T1st.
Key players: Jerome Bledsoe, CB; Joe Cullen, NG; Tony Giudice, OG; George Karelas, LB; Paul Mayberry, OG; Chip Mitchell, SE; Al Pogarian, C; Matt Tulley, LB.
Schedule: James Madison, Sept. 9; at Lehigh, Sept. 16; at Maine, Sept. 23; at Boston University, Sept. 30; Rhode Island, Oct. 7; at Connecticut, Oct. 14; Delaware, Oct. 21; at Northeastern, Oct. 28; Richmond, Nov. 4; at Villanova, Nov. 11; New Hampshire, Nov. 18.
Site: Amherst, Mass.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coach: Bill Bowes (108-64-3, 17 years).
1988 record: 6-5. Yankee: 4-4/T3rd.
Key players: Matt Banbury, FB; Chris Braune, WR; Tim Byrne, DB; Norm Ford, TB; Ryan Jones, DB; Garry Jordan, S; John MacNeil, DT; Fred Sullivan, OG; Will Tychsen, LB.
Schedule: Maine, Sept. 9; at Connecticut, Sept. 23; at Delaware, Sept. 30; at Northeastern, Oct. 7; Colgate, Oct. 14; Richmond, Oct. 21; Boston University, Oct. 28; at Villanova, Nov. 4; Rhode Island, Nov. 11; at Massachusetts, Nov. 18.
Site: Durham, N.H.

RHODE ISLAND

Coach: Bob Griffin (64-78-1, 13 years; 85-98-1 overall, 17 years).
1988 record: 4-7. Yankee: 3-5/T7th.
Key players: Greg Benjamin, DT; Kurt Brockwell, LB; Chris Cassara, K/P; John Gilman, OG; Tony Lowe, FB; Chris Poirier, TB; Mike Rogers, FL; Kevin Smith, CB.
Schedule: At Richmond, Sept. 9; Delaware, Sept. 16; Northeastern, Sept. 23; at Brown, Sept. 30; at Massachusetts, Oct. 7; Maine, Oct. 14; at Boston U., Oct. 21; Villanova (at Milan, Italy), Oct. 28; at Towson State, Nov. 4; at New Hampshire, Nov. 11; Connecticut, Nov. 18.
Site: Kingston, R.I.

RICHMOND

Coach: Jim Marshall (first year at Richmond).
1988 record: 4-7. Yankee: 2-6/9th.
Key players: Tom Coles, DT; Rob Courter, K; Travis Crocker, CB; Marvin Hargrove, SE; Eric Hopkins, TB; Jeff Olivo, P; Sam Yaffa, FB.
Schedule: Villanova, Sept. 2; Rhode Island, Sept. 9; at James Madison, Sept. 16; Virginia Military, Sept. 23; at Maine, Sept. 30; Boston U., Oct. 7; at New Hampshire, Oct. 21; Connecticut, Oct. 28; at Massachusetts, Nov. 4; at Delaware, Nov. 11; at William & Mary, Nov. 18.
Site: Richmond, Va.

VILLANOVA

Coach: Andy Talley (24-10-1, 4 years; 52-28-2 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 5-5-1. Yankee: 4-4/T3rd.
Key players: Robert Brady, SE; Jeff Dingle, TB; Greg Downs, FL; Chris Hunt, S; Bryan Russo, C; Kirk Schulz, QB; Mickey Watson, LB.
Schedule: At Richmond, Sept. 2; at Holy Cross, Sept. 9; at Maine, Sept. 16; Columbia, Sept. 23; Connecticut, Oct. 7; at Delaware, Oct. 14; William & Mary, Oct. 21; Rhode Island (at Milan, Italy), Oct. 28; New Hampshire, Nov. 4; Massachusetts, Nov. 11; Boston University, Nov. 18.
Site: Philadelphia.

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Norm Ford, New Hampshire, 88.2 yds.pg (231 att., 970 yds., 4.2 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Matt DeGennaro, Connecticut, 126.4 rating pts. (387 att., 238 comp., 2,633 yds.).
Total offense: Matt DeGennaro, Connecticut, 243.7 yds.pg (48 yds. rushing, 2,633 yds. passing, 2,681 total yds.).
Receiving: Daren Altieri, Boston University, 6.9 rec.pg (76 rec., 743 yds., 9.8 avg.).
Scoring: Norm Ford, New Hampshire, 8.7 pts.pg (16 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 96 pts.).
Punting: Jeff Olivo, Richmond, 40.8 avg. (67 punts, 2,732 yds.).
Punt returns: Jerome Bledsoe, Massachusetts, 16.8 avg. (17 att., 285 yds., 1 TD).
Kickoff returns: Chris Poirier, Rhode Island, 21.5 avg. (15 att., 322 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Rob Courter, Richmond, 1.64 FG.pg (18/24 FGs, 75%).
Interceptions: Kevin Smith, Rhode Island, .90 int.pg (9 int., 94 yds., 0 TDs).

Barnett inflicts pain of his own

By STACY HAWKINS
Arkansas Democrat

Fred Barnett recalls with embarrassment the reason he did not play football until his senior year of high school.

"My mother thought I would get hurt," Barnett said with a sheepish grin.

It's hard to imagine anyone being overly concerned about an injury to the muscular Barnett, a 6-foot-1, 200-pounder.

"We watched football a lot on TV at home (in Gunnison, Miss.)," Earlean Barnett said. "And every time we watched a game, it seemed like someone got hurt or was carried off the field on a stretcher. I thought it was too dangerous. Fred just kept on begging me to play.

"I decided he was a man, and it was about time that he started making his own decisions. I told him I didn't mind if he played football, but that I would pray every game that he wouldn't get hurt."

Barnett's desire to don pads and helmet proved a blessing for Arkansas State. Meanwhile, his mother's prayers were answered—until last year, that is.

A multitalented split end, Barnett made his collegiate debut in 1986 as a redshirt freshman and proceeded to help Coach Larry Lacewell's Arkansas State team to a second-place finish in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. He was the Indians' No. 2 receiver that season, finishing with 13 receptions for 179 yards. In postseason play, he netted 132 yards on seven catches.

As a sophomore, Barnett made a sizable contribution to another Arkansas State playoff squad. He totaled 32 receptions for 608 yards—pretty heady figures out of the wishbone formation—and averaged 90.1 yards per game in all-purpose ground-gaining (rushes, receptions and kick returns).

Then, last season, Barnett was touted as a I-AA preseason All-America candidate despite having played only three years of organized football. But disaster struck in 1988, first in the form of a summer softball hamstring pull and then in the misfortune of an ankle injury incurred in the second game of the season, a 9-7 loss at Memphis State. After six weeks of little practice and minimal play, Barnett returned to steady action and, playing in pain, helped the Indians to three straight victories. Nevertheless, Arkansas State finished with a 5-6 record, quite a comedown after four consecutive postseason appearances.

"I was really frustrated last year, because my sophomore season had gone so well," Barnett said. "I wanted more and all I got was less. I really got down on myself and the team since we were doing so badly. But Coach Lacewell called me in and said that sometimes there are bad breaks in life, and hopefully I got all of mine out of the way in one season.

"He told me to work hard during the spring and off-season and just try to come back bigger and stronger. He really helped me through a tough period."

Lacewell, who accepts little credit for Barnett's emotional rebound, views his senior player's future with great anticipation.

"The unique part of Fred Barnett is that I sincerely believe his best football is still in front of him," Lacewell said. "He reminds me of Cazzy Francis (former Arkansas State receiver and a late cut of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers last season). But Fred's a much better athlete overall. He's the fastest big athlete we've had since I've been here (10 years).

"Fred has great speed and great hands and, most important, as far as the NFL scouts are concerned, is his leaping ability. He was the Mississippi high school high-jump champion at 6-11, and he can dunk a basketball as well as any of our basketball players."

Barnett has 4.5-second speed over 40 yards, a 41-inch vertical jump and a hell-for-leather streak in him.

"Fred is as aggressive a football player as Tim Smiley (Indians defensive back who was drafted in the fifth round by the Washington Redskins last spring), and Tim would knock your head off," Lacewell emphasized. "He's one of the most physically tough players to come through here, and he doesn't mind playing with pain. A coach loves to see a player who's excited about playing every week.

"As fluid and explosive as Fred is, it's funny to watch him, because he still hasn't figured out that wide receivers aren't supposed to be aggressive and physical. Sometimes I wonder if we have him in the wrong position. He could probably start for us at defensive back, and there's a good chance this fall he might see some action at halfback."

Lacewell has even toyed with the idea of switching Arkansas State from the wishbone to a wide-spread formation with two split ends to get the ball into Barnett's hands more often.

"I like anything where I'll get the ball more," said Barnett, who in 1988 led the Indians in receiving for the second straight year with 12 catches for 141 yards. "Last season, with all the injuries (he suffered hand problems, too), I never really got a chance."

Barnett's goals for his senior season include 25 catches and 750 yards in receptions.

"You definitely have to set goals or you play lackadaisically," he said. "And that leads to getting hurt . . .

"Right now I'm concentrating on having a good senior season and hopefully a winning one for our team. I'm not playing any softball. I lift weights three times a week and run a little, but mostly I stretch. If I go into the season healthy, then I think I'll stay healthy until it's over."

That would make Arkansas State fans, Larry Lacewell and Earlean Barnett very, very happy. ■

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
This Division I-AA dynasty soon will be competing on the I-A level.

2. ARKANSAS STATE
The Indians are looking to make amends for a disappointing showing last season.

3. LIBERTY
This team was on the rise even before the addition of Rutigliano hastened the pace.

4. SAMFORD
Coach Terry Bowden will follow in father Bobby's footsteps—as a winner.

5. JAMES MADISON
The veteran Dukes will rank among the most improved teams in the nation.

6. WESTERN KENTUCKY
The departure of coach Dave Roberts makes the Hilltoppers tough to judge.

7. NICHOLLS STATE
The upward-moving Colonels have the right stuff to surprise some teams.

8. WILLIAM & MARY
The Indians have a few top players, but not enough of them.

9. LAMAR
Quarterback John Evans must carry a team with numerous question marks.

10. TOWSON STATE
The loss of big weapon Dave Meggett makes the Tigers less potent.

11. YOUNGSTOWN STATE
The Penguins are in for a long season. No position looks strong.

12. NORTHEASTERN
The Huskies simply don't have the personnel to keep up with the competition.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	FRED BARNETT, Arkansas State
WR	MIKE SMITH, Towson State
TE	ROBERT COATES, Western Kentucky
T	KENNETH NELSON, Arkansas State
T	MIKE STANT, Nicholls State
C	DAN WATTERSON, Western Kentucky
G	SEAN GAINEY, Georgia Southern
G	REGGIE WHITE, William & Mary
QB	JOHN EVANS, Lamar
RB	RICHARD KIMBLE, Arkansas State
RB	JOE ROSS, Georgia Southern

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	WINFRED BRYANT, Nicholls State
DL	XAVIER JORDAN, Western Kentucky
DL	GIFF SMITH, Georgia Southern
DL	TIM SMITH, Liberty
LB	STEVE BATES, James Madison
LB	JOE BONNELL, Northeastern
LB	CRAIG CONNER, Samford
LB	DARRELL HENDRIX, Georgia Southern
DB	MATT LANAGAN, Northeasterm
DB	RODNEY OGLESBY, Georgia Southern
DB	DEE THOMAS, Nicholls State
DB	DONALD SMITH, Liberty

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	STEVE CHRISTIE, William & Mary
P	BRIAN WILCOX, Nicholls State

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TEAM CHARTS

ARKANSAS STATE

Coach: Larry Lacewell (64-52-4, 10 years).
1988 record: 5-6.
Key players: Fred Barnett, SE; Chris Collier, RB; Putzer Dayton, RB; Dennis Forrest, RB; Roy Johnson, QB; Richard Kimble, FB; Lawrence Mays, LB; Chuck Monk, RB; Kenneth Nelson, OT; Don Palmer, LB; Carlos Sharp, S; Todd Stone, OG.
Schedule: At Memphis State, Sept. 9; at Mississippi, Sept. 16; North Texas, Sept. 23; Southern Illinois, Sept. 30; at Lamar, Oct. 7; McNeese State, Oct. 14; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 21; at Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 28; Pittsburg State, Nov. 4; at Illinois State, Nov. 11; at Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 18.
Site: Jonesboro, Ark.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Coach: Erk Russell (68-22-1, 7 years).
1988 record: 12-3 (including 3-1 in I-AA playoffs).
Key players: Brad Bernard, OG; Randell Boone, S; David Cool, K; Rodney Curtis, DE; Taz Dixon, S; Sean Gainey, OG; Raymond Gross, QB; Darrell Hendrix, LB; Rodney Oglesby, CB; Joe Ross, FB; Giff Smith, DE; Terrance Sorrell, WR; Ernest Thompson, RB.
Schedule: Valdosta State, Sept. 2; West Georgia, Sept. 9; at Florida A&M, Sept. 16; Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 23; Savannah State, Oct. 7; at Nicholls State, Oct. 14; at Samford, Oct. 21; Central Florida, Oct. 28; at James Madison, Nov. 4; UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 11; Marshall, Nov. 18.
Site: Statesboro, Ga.

JAMES MADISON

Coach: Joe Purzycki (24-20-1, 4 years; 45-41-2 overall, 8 years).
1988 record: 5-6.
Key players: Steve Bates, LB; Paul Fornadel, NG; John Gutter, CB; Jermel Harris, DT; Rob Howard, C; Eupton Jackson, S; Greg Medley, FB; Chris Schellhammer, OG; Sonny Smith, LB; Leon Taylor, HB; Darryl Thompson, LB; Keith Thornton, SE.
Schedule: Bloomsburg, Sept. 2; at Massachusetts, Sept. 9; Richmond, Sept. 16; at Appalachian State, Sept. 23; at Liberty, Sept. 30; Towson State, Oct. 14; Virginia Military, Oct. 21; at Navy, Oct. 28; Georgia Southern, Nov. 4; at William & Mary, Nov. 11; Northeastern, Nov. 18.
Site: Harrisonburg, Va.

LAMAR

Coach: Ray Alborn (8-25, 3 years; 21-78 overall, 9 years).
1988 record: 3-8.
Key players: Bo Brown, LB; Bryan Campbell, P; Ed Cockrell, S; John Evans, QB; Ronnie Henson, CB; Troy Knight, DE; Kacy Lewis, DT; Tyrone Shavers, WR; Tim Thomas, OG; Willie Walker, WR; Jake Wilson, OT.
Schedule: At Angelo State, Sept. 2; at Texas-El Paso, Sept. 9; at West Texas State, Sept. 16; Sam Houston State, Sept. 23; Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 30; Arkansas State, Oct. 7; at Alcorn State, Oct. 14; at Southwest Texas State, Nov. 4; at Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 11; McNeese State, Nov. 18.
Site: Beaumont, Tex.

LIBERTY

Coach: Sam Rutigliano (first year at Liberty).
1988 record: 8-3.
Key players: Ernie Antolik, S; Eric Carroll, S; Eric Green, TE; Paul Johnson, QB; Leroy Kinard, TB; Charles McCray, TB; Pat Nelson, WR; L.G. Parrish, FL; Clarence Shelton, FB; Donald Smith, CB; Tim Smith, DT; Craig White, WR.
Schedule: Edinboro, Sept. 9; at Morehead State, Sept. 23; James Madison, Sept. 30; Eastern Illinois, Oct. 7; at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 14; Towson State, Oct. 21; at Central Florida, Oct. 28; at Youngstown State, Nov. 4; Kutztown, Nov. 11; Southwest Missouri, Nov. 18.
Site: Lynchburg, Va.

NICHOLLS STATE

Coach: Phil Greco (12-9-1, 2 years).
1988 record: 7-4.
Key players: John Brown, WR; Winfred Bryant, DL; Andre Felder, CB; Joey Quinn, DL; Aaron Ruffin, RB; Mike Stant, OT; Patrick Taylor, C/G; Dee Thomas, S; Leonard Valentine, QB; Brian Wilcox, P; Keith Woods, SE.
Schedule: At Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 9; Delta State, Sept. 16; at Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 23; at McNeese State, Sept. 30; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 7; Georgia Southern, Oct. 14; Southwest Texas, Oct. 21; at Southern, Oct. 28; Northwestern State, Nov. 4; Samford, Nov. 11; Illinois State, Nov. 18.
Site: Thibodaux, La.

NORTHEASTERN

Coach: Paul Pawlak (31-50-1, 9 years; 45-68-1 overall, 12 years).
1988 record: 4-7.
Key players: Scott Adams, TE; Joe Bonnell, LB; Sean Fagan, S; Byron Hurt, QB; Calvin Johnson, HB; Matt Lanagan, CB; Chris Petrus, DE; Andy Robertson, OG; Harold Scott, FB; Rotell Searcy, CB; Kris Sticinski, DT.
Schedule: Towson State, Sept. 9; Delaware State, Sept. 16; at Rhode Island, Sept. 23; at Cornell, Sept. 30; New Hampshire, Oct. 7; at Youngstown State, Oct. 14; at Lehigh, Oct. 21; Massachusetts, Oct. 28; at Holy Cross, Nov. 4; Maine, Nov. 11; at James Madison, Nov. 18.
Site: Boston.

SAMFORD

Coach: Terry Bowden (14-7, 2 years; 34-20 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 5-6 in Division III.
Key players: Jason Bruton, NG; Charles Buford, NG; Craig Conner, LB; Ted Darby, QB; Montra Holloway, WR; Chuck Howard, LB; Brian James, WR; Brady Jones, RB; Marshall Locke, DL; Chip Money, OL; David Primus, CB; Billy Robison, S.
Schedule: Jacksonville State, Sept. 2; at McNeese State, Sept. 9; Tennessee Tech, Sept. 16; at Livingston, Sept. 23; Morehead State, Sept. 30; West Georgia, Oct. 7; at Tennessee-Martin, Oct. 14; Georgia Southern, Oct. 28; at The Citadel, Nov. 4; at Nicholls State, Nov. 11; at East Tennessee State, Nov. 18.
Site: Birmingham, Ala.

TOWSON STATE

Coach: Phil Albert (112-64-3, 17 years).
1988 record: 5-5.
Key players: Dewey Barnes, WR; Dave Benna, DB; Brian Dick, K; Chris Goetz, QB; John Gunnels, TE; Steve Kinsey, C; Rich Martignetti, OT; Frank Sayers, LB; Mike Smith, WR; Rodney Smith, MG; Dan Sponaugle, LB.
Schedule: At Northeastern, Sept. 9; Indiana (Pa.), Sept. 16; at New Haven, Sept. 23; at Lehigh, Sept. 30; Bucknell, Oct. 7; at James Madison, Oct. 14; at Liberty, Oct. 21; Rhode Island, Nov. 4; Delaware State, Nov 11; at Youngstown State, Nov. 18.
Site: Towson, Md.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Jack Harbaugh (first year at Western Kentucky; 25-27-3 overall, 5 years).
1988 record: 9-4 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs).
Key players: Webbie Burnett, DT; Robert Coates, TE; Russell Foster, LB; Howard Freeney, CB; Darwin Harris, SE; Xavier Jordan, DE; Gerard Mark, FB; Jerome Martin, S; Brad Thomas, DT; Dan Watterson, C; Jonathan Watts, S; Zip Zanders, LB.
Schedule: At Illinois State, Sept. 2; at Murray State, Sept. 9; Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 16; at Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 23; Austin Peay State, Sept. 30; at UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 7; Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 14; Tennessee Tech, Oct. 21; at Youngstown State, Oct. 28; at Louisville, Nov. 4; Eastern Illinois, Nov. 18.
Site: Bowling Green, Ky.

WILLIAM & MARY

Coach: Jimmye Laycock (50-50-1, 9 years).
1988 record: 6-4-1.
Key players: Craig Argo, QB; Steve Christie, P/K; Shawn Davis, S; Kevin Forrester, LB; Alan Garlic, DE; Robert Green, TB; Chris Hogarth, WR; Greg Kimball, S; Tyrone Shelton, FB; Matt Shiffler, TE; Brad Uhl, LB; Reggie White, OG.
Schedule: Colgate, Sept. 9; at Virginia Military, Sept. 16; at Princeton, Sept. 23; at Virginia, Sept. 30; Delaware, Oct. 7; Boston University (at Norfolk, Va.), Oct. 14; at Villanova, Oct. 21; at Lehigh, Oct. 28; East Tennessee State, Nov. 4; James Madison, Nov. 11; Richmond, Nov. 18.
Site: Williamsburg, Va.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Coach: Jim Tressel (14-20, 3 years).
1988 record: 4-7.
Key players: Maury Bibent, WR; Kevin Brown, LB; Ron Brown, LB; Mike Cochran, LB; Lorenzo Davis, TB; Tony Dunn, OG; Frank Edie, QB; Ray Ellington, TE; Leo Hawkins, TB; Steve Jones, FB; John Matakovich, DB; James Ringfield, LB.
Schedule: At Maine, Sept. 2; at Eastern Michigan, Sept. 9; Akron, Sept. 23; Morgan State, Sept. 30; at Indiana State, Oct. 7; Northeastern, Oct. 14; at Central Michigan, Oct. 21; Western Kentucky, Oct. 28; Liberty, Nov. 4; Edinboro, Nov. 11; Towson State, Nov. 18.
Site: Youngstown, O.

1988 STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
Georgia Southern	12	3	0
Western Kentucky	9	4	0
Liberty	8	3	0
Nicholls State	7	4	0
William & Mary	6	4	1
Towson State	5	5	0
Arkansas State	5	6	0
James Madison	5	6	0
Northeastern	4	7	0
Youngstown State	4	7	0
Lamar	3	8	0

1988 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Returning players only

Rushing: Harold Scott, Northeastern, 116.5 yds.pg (238 att., 1,282 yds., 5.4 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Chris Goetz, Towson State, 133.4 rating pts. (317 att., 185 comp., 2,504 yds.).
Total offense: Chris Goetz, Towson State, 237.5 yds.pg (-129 yds. rushing, 2,504 yds. passing, 2,375 total yds.).
Receiving: Mike Smith, Towson State, 5.2 rec.pg (52 rec., 1,065 yds., 20.5 avg.).
Scoring: Ernest Thompson, Georgia Southern, 11.6 pts.pg (19 TDs, 2 PATs, 0 FGs, 116 total pts.).
Punting: Steve Christie, William & Mary, 42.4 avg. (66 punts, 2,798 yds.).
Punt returns: Maury Bibent, Youngstown State, 7.4 avg. (18 att., 134 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Archie Herring, Youngstown State, 25.9 avg. (23 att., 596 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Steve Christie, William & Mary, 1.36 FG.pg (15/23 FGs, 65.2%).
Interceptions: (tie) Dee Thomas, Nicholls State, .45 int.pg (5 int., 122 yds., 2 TDs); Matt Lanagan, Northeastern (5 int., 119 yds., 1 TD); Rodney Oglesby, Georgia Southern (5 int., 79 yds., 1 TD); Ed Cockrell, Lamar (5 int., 40 yds., 0 TDs); Donald Smith, Liberty (5 int., 31 yds., 0 TDs).

SIZE ISN'T EVERYTHING

Nobody proves it better than Texas A&I's Johnny Bailey

By JIM CARLEY
Houston Post

Short of stature, Johnny Bailey is anything but short of self-confidence. It pervades his conversation, not to the point of obnoxiousness, but enough to emphasize that this product of the rugged projects near downtown Houston believes he can do virtually anything.

He concedes nothing. He believes no mountain can't be climbed, no touchdown can't be scored, and he attributes most of his success as a running back to his own toughness and perseverance.

He also doesn't second-guess himself. He has no regrets about going to a Division II school—Texas A&I—though such major colleges as Texas A&M, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma sought him feverishly before his low grades made him choose another path out of high school.

Nor does he want to be in anyone else's shoes. "I think I'm doing great as Johnny Bailey," he said with some indignation. "Nobody made Johnny Bailey what I am today but me."

But there is someone Bailey does almost sheepishly admit to idolizing, a player whose style he copied, a man he still reveres. And as it turns out, he's the same man whose all-time college rushing record Bailey is about to break.

"I don't really try to model myself after anyone," Bailey said. "But I did have an idol when I was growing up. I looked up to Tony Dorsett. I thought he was a great runner. I think I'm the type of runner he is.

"It's something I always thought about. I used to watch him with the Cowboys and thought he was the best there was. I wanted to be just like him."

Small world that it is, Bailey and Dorsett hooked up for a special promotion in the summer of 1988—well, sort of. They were scheduled to pose together for a picture to promote drug awareness. Unfortunately, Dorsett had a last-minute conflict that kept him from flying in for the photo session.

"So they brought a life-size poster of him in and I stood next to it," Bailey said with a laugh. "But he did call me that day and I talked to him awhile. It was nice hearing his voice. He just told me to keep on doing my best and keep being successful and I might make it in the NFL someday."

They didn't discuss the 1976 Heisman Trophy winner's record of 6,082 yards rushing in his four-year career at Pittsburgh. After all, Bailey was more than 2,400 yards away from that mark after gaining 3,609 yards in his first two seasons at Texas A&I. But Bailey is close now—he has 5,051 yards rushing entering his senior season—and while he naturally says records aren't important, he has to admit this one is special.

"Now that I'm only 1,031 yards away from his record, I'd like to talk to him again and see how he feels about it," Bailey mused, his precise knowledge of the record giving himself away. "I'm glad that it's his record, because when I get it, it can be me and Tony Dorsett on top of the college rushing list."

Barring injury, Bailey is almost a cinch to get that record. He has led Division II in rushing in each of his three seasons, starting with a division-record 2,011 yards as a freshman, followed by 1,598 yards as a sophomore and 1,442 yards last season. And he produced those numbers while averaging less than 25 carries a game, giving him a career average of seven yards per carry. He led the 1988 Javelinas to the Lone Star Conference championship and the national semifinals of the Division II playoffs, where he rushed for another 580 yards.

His accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous all-conference and All-America citations, and he has won the Harlon Hill Trophy—Division II's Heisman—the last two years. And in 1986, the only other year the award was presented, Bailey finished second. By now, it probably should be renamed the Johnny Bailey Trophy.

Without question, Bailey is the elite player in Division II. But does that mean anything to the scouts who evaluate talent for the National Football League? Absolutely.

"He has been such an extremely productive player, you can't ignore him," said Gil Brandt, formerly the Dallas Cowboys' vice president in charge of player development. "They play in a pretty good conference, and I don't think there is a drawback to playing at a school like that at all.

"They do as good a job of coaching in that conference as they do anywhere. The teams they play are as good as anybody. What happens in Texas is they have so many good players in the high schools, they can't get them all in major colleges. So a lot of very good ones go to the smaller schools."

The question of Bailey's pro potential takes on an added dimension when it is noted that Bailey is only 5-foot-9 and must wear heavy clothing to claim 180 pounds.

"I know I have a lot of work to do as far as endurance and strength to play in the NFL," Bailey said. "Most definitely I need to be bigger to be able to take all the punishment the pros give you. I think I need to gain 10 or 15 pounds, but I think I can do it (this) summer. I'm going to stay here all summer and just try to gain weight."

At any size, Bailey already has plenty of scouts interested.



Texas A&I's Johnny Bailey has led Division II in rushing in each of his first three seasons.

"I don't know if he'll be a first-round draft choice or not," Houston Oilers General Manager Mike Holovak said. "Sometimes just the fact they're not at a bigger school keeps them from going in the first round.

"But I think he can play. He's somewhat along the lines of a Barry Sanders. Like Sanders, he doesn't look that fast, but he is. And besides, size isn't everything. If you're good enough, you'll play anywhere. . . . A running back's a running back, no matter where you play."

Brandt also compared Bailey with Sanders, the 1988 Heisman winner from Oklahoma State.

"He doesn't have the greatest size, but neither does Barry Sanders," Brandt said before being swept away in the front-office purge that followed the sale of the Cowboys last spring. "We think Bailey is a pretty good prospect. I don't think he'll be a first-rounder. But we think he has a chance to play in the NFL, and I know we're interested in that kind of player. We're always interested in the best player we can get."

Bailey would be thrilled if the Cowboys were interested enough to draft him. He unabashedly admits he is a die-hard Cowboys fan, despite growing up in Houston.

"I was never an Oilers fan," he said. "I thought the Oilers were really undependable. I never looked up to them.

"I always wanted to play for the Cowboys. They have been down here and their scouts have talked with me. I ran a 4.38 40 for the scouts, and guys from Dallas, Seattle, Washington, Buffalo, New England and Chicago all talked to me.

"I think it's going to be tough to be a top draft pick coming out of a small school. I think I'll be a high draft choice. But wherever I go, it won't matter. I plan to make it in the NFL."

And thereby realize a lifelong ambition. Not to get rich for himself, but to reward his mother, Ruby Ford. While Bailey takes most of the credit for his success on the football field, he says it was his mother who is responsible for raising him properly in a tough setting—the Houston projects.

"She was my biggest influence," Bailey said. "She did all she could for me, and I always said I was going to repay her someday by going to the pros and making a lot of money so I can take care of her.

"All I want to do is make it for my mother. That's all I've thought about since I was a little boy."

Bailey never got into any serious trouble as a youngster. Oh, he was in his share of fights, but his mother's guidance—and football—helped him keep his distance from much of the criminal element in his neighborhood.

"I'd say I was brought up hard," Bailey said. "It was rough all around me, and while I didn't get into a lot of trouble, I was known for not taking anything off of anybody. I think football kept me out of a lot of bad stuff."

He has grown into a quiet person who normally says little except when he's alone with friends. His fierce pride shows through when he is forced to talk about himself, but he doesn't do that often.

"Among his peers, he's a very outgoing person," Texas A&I Coach Ron Harms said. "Among adults, he is fairly reserved. But I've had no problems with him. He's not a bad kid to coach."

Academic problems were primarily responsible for Bailey showing up in Kingston, Tex., in the first place. Coming out of Houston's Jack Yates High School, he

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DIVISION II DATA

TSN's TOP 10

1. NORTH DAKOTA STATE
Coach: Rocky Hager.
1988 record: 14-0 (including 4-0 in playoffs). Conference: 9-0/1st.

2. TEXAS A&I
Coach: Ron Harms.
1988 record: 10-3 (including 2-1 in playoffs). Conference: 6-1/1st.

3. JACKSONVILLE STATE
Coach: Bill Burgess.
1988 record: 10-2 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-1/T1st.

4. ST. CLOUD STATE
Coach: Noel Martin.
1988 record: 7-4. Conference: 5-4/3rd.

5. MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
Coach: John Williams.
1988 record: 9-3 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-1/T1st.

6. SANTA CLARA
Coach: Terry Malley.
1988 record: 7-4. Conference: 4-2/T2nd.

7. PORTLAND STATE
Coach: Pokey Allen.
1988 record: 11-3-1 (including 3-1 in playoffs). Conference: 6-0/1st.

8. VALDOSTA STATE
Coach: Mike Cavan.
1988 record: 6-3-1. Conference: 4-3-1/4th.

9. UC DAVIS
Coach: Bob Foster.
1988 record: 7-3-1 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-0/1st.

10. WINSTON-SALEM STATE
Coach: Pete Richardson.
1988 record: 10-2 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-1/1st.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	RANDY FISHER, Valdosta State
WR	SHANNON SHARPE, Savannah State
TE	GARY COMPTON, East Texas State
OL	JOHN LAYFIELD, Abilene Christian
OL	DARRYL RYALS, Hampton
C	ED LaTOUF, Texas A&I
OL	JON TOMMERVIK, St. Cloud State
OL	JONATHON WARREN, Albany State
QB	CHRIS SIMDORN, North Dakota State
RB	JOHNNY BAILEY, Texas A&I
RB	HARRY JACKSON, St. Cloud State

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	DOUG MAGAZU, Central Conn. State
DL	ORLANDO ADAMS, Jacksonville State
DL	TERRY FLEMING, Mississippi College
DL	ROBERT MORRIS, Valdosta State
DL	KIT MORTON, East Texas State
LB	KEVIN BEASLEY, Texas A&I
LB	JAMES DAVIS, North Alabama
LB	STEVE THOMPSON, UC Davis
DB	PETE JAROS, Augustana (S.D.)
DB	MIKEAL LOVEJOY, Valdosta State
DB	MARK PEOPLES, Central Missouri St.
DB	CHRIS WESTBERG, Minnesota-Duluth

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	JOHN BONACCI, Nebraska-Omaha
P	WALLY HENRY, Mississippi College

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

1988 STATS LEADERS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	TDs	Yds.PG
Bailey, Texas A&I	229	1442	15	144.2
Roberts, Butler	315	1427	19	142.7
Jackson, St. Cloud St.	281	1522	15	138.4

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Nelson, A'gstna (SD)	260	152	2123	148.2
R'snkrz, S. M's (C.)	236	137	1833	145.5
Quinn, UC Davis	178	104	1409	140.0

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Ct.PG
Tillman, No. Colo.	75	1044	7	7.5
Beckton, Cent. Fla.	74	1030	5	6.7
Sharpe, Savannah St.	57	1031	12	5.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Plys.	Yds.	Yds.PG
Willis, Central Florida	450	2881	261.9
Mitchell, Indianapolis	365	2204	244.9
Brown, Missouri Southern	422	2403	240.3

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Roberts, Butler	23	4	0	142	14.2
Simdorn, N. Dak. St.	18	2	0	110	12.2
Delgardo, P'rtld St.	19	2	0	116	10.5

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Tok Chu, Tenn.-Mart	22	17	77.3	1.55
Beligrinis, W.-Sal. St.	23	17	73.9	1.55
Wilson, Troy State	21	14	66.7	1.40

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Morris, Norfolk State	12	283	23.6
Steinmeyer, Kutztown	18	295	16.4

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Fils, New Haven	12	378	31.5
Hitson, Morris Brown	19	585	30.8

PUNTING

	No.	Avg.
Baer, Colo. School of Mines	65	43.9
Bryant, Savannah State	57	42.0

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Jaros, A'gstna (SD)	13	120	....	1.2
Westberg, Minn.-Dul.	9	278	....	1.0

1988 PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

North Dakota State 49, Augustana (S.D.) 7
Millersville 27, Indiana (Pa.) 24
Sacramento State 35, UC Davis 14
N. Carolina Central 31, Winston-Salem St. 16
Texas A&I 39, Mississippi College 15
Tennessee-Martin 23, Butler 6
Portland State 34, Bowie State 17
Jacksonville State 63, West Chester 24

QUARTERFINALS

North Dakota State 36, Millersville 26
Sacramento State 56, North Carolina Central 7
Texas A&I 34, Tennessee-Martin 0
Portland State 20, Jacksonville State 13

SEMIFINALS

North Dakota State 42, Sacramento State 20
Portland State 35, Texas A&I 27

CHAMPIONSHIP

North Dakota State 35, Portland State 21

—Compiled with the assistance of Don Hansen.

PHYSICALLY GIFTED

Ferrum College's Chris Warren has all the tools

By DOUG DOUGHTY
Roanoke Times & World-News

Even in the well-traveled world of professional scouting, Ferrum College is off the beaten path. As Ferrum Coach Hank Norton puts it, there's nothing on Virginia 40 but "trees, tobacco and Ferrum."

There hasn't been any call to widen the road, but traffic between Roanoke and Ferrum could pick up this fall as National Football League scouts expand their horizons. "They know that football players are wherever you find them," Norton said.

And Ferrum, a legitimate championship contender in Division III, has one of the most physically gifted players in all of college football. Remember the name: Chris Warren.

Warren, a 6-foot-2, 223-pound tailback, has been clocked in 4.38 seconds at 40 yards, has lifted 350 pounds in the bench press and has a 39½-inch vertical leap.

Like those numbers? How about these: In 12 games last season, Warren carried 166 times for 1,443 yards (an 8.7-yard average) and 17 touchdowns. He also caught a team-high 21 passes while averaging 16.2 yards per punt return.

"I don't like to make far-out statements, but he may be the best athlete I've ever been associated with," said Norton, who has been coaching the Panthers for 29 years. "He has exceptional hands to go with everything else. He does things every day that you don't see duplicated, like catching the ball with one hand.

"And he does it all without being a showman. He's so natural."

Normally, athletes of Warren's caliber can be found competing at the Division I-A level. Warren, in fact, began his college career at Virginia, where he played two seasons (1985 and '86) before being ruled academically ineligible.

Virginia had Warren pegged as a future star after a sophomore campaign in which he accounted for 1,446 yards in all-purpose running. He had started in the Cavaliers' secondary as a true freshman.

"Athletically speaking, he might have been the best we've ever had," Virginia assistant Tom O'Brien said.

But fate reared its ugly head. Warren wasn't a complete bust academically. His arrival on the Virginia campus coincided with new, stricter academic progress guidelines that since have been amended.

Although he failed only one course in two years—"It was Greek mythology," he said. "I added it late."—Warren was suspended from school after the 1986-87 school year and missed the '87 football season.

He was readmitted to school on a probationary basis the second semester and participated in Virginia's 1988 spring practice, but lost his eligibility for the fall when an academic review board voted 3-2 for suspension.

"Up until I got a phone call from my adviser, I thought everything was OK," Warren said. "I still don't have a true explanation, and I probably never will.

"I'm not bitter. Those things happen and will probably happen again sometime in my life. It's all a part of growing up."

Warren did not realize at the time that he would have to sit out a year if he were to transfer to one of several Division I-A schools that had expressed interest in him.

"Once I found that out, the only place I considered was Division III," Warren said. "There was no way I wanted to sit out another year."

Ferrum, which had been a junior college until 1985, was Warren's choice. Norton had sent numerous players to Virginia, and one of them, former Warren teammate Darryl Hammond, gave Norton and Ferrum a strong recommendation.

Norton, known affectionately by his players as "Big Daddy," is as modest as he is successful. He has compiled a 209-62-11 record while guiding his teams to four national junior college titles.

The 61-year-old Norton has been threatening to retire for years, but he wasn't about to step down after a 62-28 loss to Ithaca (N.Y.) in last fall's Division III semifinals. It was Ferrum's only 1988 defeat.

"That game was not an indication of the kind of team we had," Norton said. "For one thing, we flew up there, and we're bus people. We ate $13 steaks. The NCAA paid for it, but that's not us.

"I think our kids thought they could go out there and do what they'd been doing all along. I didn't feel that way, but I couldn't sound the alarm enough."

Ferrum had opened the playoffs by gaining 557 yards in a 34-10 victory over Rhodes (Tenn.). Then the Panthers set a Division III record with 607 yards in a 49-28 rout of Moravian (Pa.)

Even in the loss to Ithaca, Ferrum gained 419 yards despite being dominated in time of possession (37 minutes to 23). Warren carried the ball 11 times for 95 yards and caught four passes for 101 yards, including a 64-yard touchdown pass.

Warren piled up his impressive numbers despite sharing the load with 5-4 Freddie Stovall in Ferrum's wishbone attack. Stovall rushed for 1,262 yards and 12 touchdowns last season, counting playoff action.

"The wishbone is an unselfish offense, and whoever gets the ball is dictated by the defense," Norton said. "Chris has had to block on every play (when not carrying). He's become much tougher than he would have been in the I."

Warren carried the ball only 43 times in



Athletes of Ferrum tailback Chris Warren's caliber are normally found competing at the I-A level.

the three playoff games, but still gained 495 yards. His masterpiece was a 235-yard effort against Rhodes.

"I didn't really start getting into games, playing the way I was capable, until halfway through the season," said Warren, who had not played in a college game in nearly two years.

Warren has been compared to Indianapolis Colts running back Eric Dickerson because of his height and a running style so effortless that he sometimes has to assure people he's trying.

"I've heard from every coach since I started playing that I'm not hustling or that I'm not doing this or not doing that," Warren said. "I don't care what they say. I know how hard I work."

Norton doesn't question Warren's intensity or practice habits.

"I've never had to get on him," Norton said. "He doesn't have to run hard all the time. He glides as fast as some people run. He's probably running a 4.7 just looking for someplace to turn it on.

"If he has a problem, it's that things just come too easy for him."

Carrying a football may be a snap for Warren, but there's nothing easy about life in Division III. Those long bus rides to such places as Staten Island, N.Y., Americus, Ga., and Dover, Del., do take their toll.

"It was kind of fun and something new," Warren said. "I was used to planes and getting to the other schools in an hour. When you ride a bus for as long as 10 hours, it gets to you.

"You get a little antsy or aggravated, but that only lasts until the next rest stop. It's the same way for everybody. The other guys complain as much as I do."

He briefly considered passing up his final year of eligibility to make himself available for the NFL draft. But he announced in January that he would return.

"I thought about it a lot," Warren said. "It's something I've always wanted to do. I had a pretty good year and the scouts knew about me from when I was at Virginia."

Agents tried to convince him that it was a good time to turn pro, but when Warren learned that underclassmen Sammie Smith (Florida State), Barry Sanders (Oklahoma State), Tim Worley (Georgia) and Keith Henderson (Georgia)—all running backs—would be coming out, he decided to wait.

"He doesn't have the great numbers because of our offense," Norton said, "but he has the capability to be drafted high. That's what everybody tells us.

"I don't think anybody has better tools; not even in the NFL. It's all up to Chris."

Although he doesn't regret his decision, Warren had some mixed emotions when he saw former Virginia teammates Jeff Lageman (New York Jets) and John Ford (Detroit) taken in the first 30 picks of the NFL draft.

"I still think about what would have happened if I'd played my whole career in Division I," he said. "I knew I wasn't going to fade away, though. It was just time to show what I had in me." ■

DIVISION III DATA

TSN's TOP 10

1. ITHACA
Coach: Jim Butterfield.
1988 record: 13-1 (including 4-0 in playoffs). Conference: 3-0/1st.

2. FERRUM
Coach: Hank Norton.
1988 record: 11-1 (including 2-1 in playoffs). Independent.

3. DAYTON
Coach: Mike Kelly.
1988 record: 9-2 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Independent.

4. BALDWIN-WALLACE
Coach: Bob Packard.
1988 record: 8-2. Conference: 7-1/T1st.

5. AUGUSTANA (ILL.)
Coach: Bob Reade.
1988 record: 10-2 (including 2-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-1/T1st.

6. HAMLINE
Coach: Dick Tressel.
1988 record: 9-1. Conference: 8-1/T1st.

7. CENTRAL (IA.)
Coach: Ron Schipper.
1988 record: 11-2 (including 3-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-1/2nd.

8. WITTENBERG (O.)
Coach: Doug Neibuhr.
1988 record: 9-3 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-1/T1st.

9. MORAVIAN
Coach: Scot Dapp.
1988 record: 10-2 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 8-1/T1st.

10. CORTLAND STATE
Coach: Dennis Kayser.
1988 record: 11-1 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Independent.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	MIKE FUNK, Wabash
WR	MIKE WHITEHOUSE, St. Norbert
TE	VIC OLEAR, Lycoming
OL	ROGER LAUBENGAYER, Occidental
OL	BILL MEHMEN, Central (Ia.)
C	COLIN HOWLETT, Susquehanna
OL	RORY REDEMANN, Wis.-Whitewater
OL	STEVE TONE, Moravian
QB	STEVE FLYNN, Central (Ia.)
RB	RICKY GALES, Simpson
RB	CHRIS WARREN, Ferrum

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	RON GLEISSNER, Western Conn. State
DL	PAUL CIOFFI, Montclair State
DL	JODY KANE, Randolph-Macon
DL	LOU LONCAR, Dayton
DL	NEIL RINGERS, Ohio Wesleyan
LB	PHIL MEDVETZ, Baldwin-Wallace
LB	DAVE RASTOKA, John Carroll
LB	DAVE RUNDE, Wisconsin-Platteville
LB	CHAD THORSON, Wheaton
DB	MARTY HURLEY, Canisius
DB	STEVE JUNG, Lawrence
DB	CORY MABRY, Susquehanna
DB	BRENT THURNESS, Coe

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	STEVE GRAECA, John Carroll
P	JIM BIANCHI, Denison

Key to abbreviations on page 190.

1988 STATS LEADERS

Returning players only

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	TDs	Yds.PG
Gales, Simpson	233	1291	18	143.4
Talton, Wis.-Wh'tr	203	1352	15	135.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Rt.Pts.
Flynn, Central (Ia.)	133	82	1190	152.5
Blake, Simpson	159	97	1446	150.8
Snyder, Millikin	118	65	1078	148.4

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Ct.PG
Funk, Wabash	60	740	8	6.7
Moehling, Wis.-St.P.	72	1290	7	6.5
Whitehouse, St. N'rbt	65	920	11	6.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Plys.	Yds.	Yds.PG
Baumgartner, Wis.-St.P.	604	3790	344.5
Peterson, Wis.-Stout	420	2725	272.5

SCORING

	TDs	XPs	FGs	Pts.	Pts.PG
Wilson, Ill. Bened'ne	21	0	0	126	12.6
Gales, Simpson	18	0	0	108	12.0

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FG.PG
Graeca, John Carroll	16	15	93.8	1.67
Edelman, Mount Union	17	15	88.2	1.50

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Tarr, Framingham State	9	178	19.8
Warren, Ferrum	15	282	18.8

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Owens, Wis.-La Crosse	17	508	29.9
Haerr, Quincy	18	524	29.1

PUNTING

	No.	Avg.
Graves, Sewanee	57	42.9
Bianchi, Denison	49	39.2
Hassebroek, Colorado College	59	39.2

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Int.PG
Lennon, Curry	11	86	....	1.2
Mabry, Susquehanna	10	114	....	1.1
Fetterolf, Aurora	10	151	....	1.1
Kane, Nichols	10	119	....	1.1
Zuch, Fr'nk & M'rhl	11	116	....	1.1
Baines, W'rcstr St.	11	117	....	1.1

1988 PLAYOFFS

REGIONALS

Cortland State 32, Hofstra 27
Ithaca 34, Wagner 31 (OT)
Ferrum 34, Rhodes 10
Moravian 17, Widener 7
Wittenberg 35, Dayton 28 (2OT)
Augustana (Ill.) 25, Adrian 7
Central (Ia.) 7, Concordia (Minn.) 0
Wisconsin-Whitewater 29, Simpson 27

QUARTERFINALS

Ithaca 24, Cortland State 17
Ferrum 49, Moravian 28
Augustana 28, Wittenberg 14
Central 16, Wisconsin-Whitewater 13

SEMIFINALS

Ithaca 62, Ferrum 28
Central 23, Augustana 17 (2OT)

CHAMPIONSHIP

Ithaca 39, Central 24

—Compiled with the assistance of Don Hansen.

BOWLING WITH THE BIG BOYS



The Big Four is looking more and more like the Big Six

By TOM WHEATLEY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The new bullies on the college football bowl block are a couple of former 90-pound weaklings who have pumped themselves up into heavyweights.

For years, the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl drowsed along as a kind of Siesta Bowl, and the Florida Citrus Bowl was just another pre-holiday lemon. Suddenly, both the Fiesta Bowl and the Citrus Bowl have cracked the armor of the four-bowl club that reigned for half a century on New Year's Day.

In two of the last three seasons, the Fiesta Bowl maneuvered the de facto national championship game into Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

- On January 2, 1987, unbeaten Penn State upset unbeaten Miami (Fla.) for the national title in a solo, prime-time extravaganza.
- On January 2, 1989, No. 1 Notre Dame disposed of No. 2 West Virginia in another proverbial battle of unbeatens.

"We always had the desire to be the best bowl in the country," said Bruce Skinner, executive director of the Fiesta Bowl, "even back when that statement seemed ridiculous."

It may seem even more ridiculous to picture the Citrus Bowl, alias Tangerine Bowl, juicing up its image and joining the bowl elite. The Citrus hasn't squeezed past the old guard into contention for a national championship game yet, as the Fiesta has. But in Orlando, basking confidently in the glow of neighboring Walt Disney World and countless other nearby tourist attractions, the Citrus is ready to play with the big boys.

"It was a combination of a lot of luck and lot of hard work and being in the right place at the right time," said Chuck Rohe, the Citrus Bowl's executive director.

The Fiesta and Citrus bowls each were blessed with good fortune, starting with

their resort-area home bases. But their growth has much more to do with foresight, innovation and pluck than with plain dumb luck. These bowls are where they are today because they set out to be there.

The Fiesta Bowl was hatched in 1971. Hometown Arizona State University had a perennially good football team that was perennially unwelcome by existing bowl committees who pooh-poohed the caliber of play in the Western Athletic Conference. The Sun Devils played in the first three Fiestas and five of the first seven.

Gradually, the Fiesta began to attract such traditional powers as Nebraska, Oklahoma, Penn State and Ohio State. But Skinner's committee was aiming higher.

"To be a major player, we knew we had to play on New Year's Day," he said. "You were either a New Year's bowl or a non-New Year's bowl. But there seemed to be an unwritten rule that only the Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar bowls could play there.

"Then, at the NCAA convention in January 1981 in Miami, I heard that the Sugar Bowl was going to move to New Year's night to go against the Orange Bowl, leaving the Cotton Bowl unopposed. I figured that number one, the Cotton Bowl already had been opposed before, when it went head to head with the Sugar. And number two, I figured we could compete with them.

"So we went to NBC, which had been televising our game, and asked if they could move us to New Year's Day. They had a hole there in the afternoon before the Rose Bowl, so they eagerly accepted."

The Fiesta still had to get clearance from the NCAA.

"There was a lot of support for it from the coaches," Skinner said, "especially people like Bob Devaney of Nebraska, teams that had played in our bowl before."

Nevertheless, the NCAA postseason football committee vetoed the move. Skinner's group appealed. "The NCAA legal counsel said the NCAA had no right to dictate times and dates of bowl games," Skinner said.

And the NCAA Council agreed in a unanimous vote. The Fiesta was free to move to January 1.

To arrange an exceptional date, you also need an attractive couple who have enough money to have a good time. The Fiesta, with no conference tie-ins, lined up Southern California and Penn State to play on January 1, 1982. Besides being major names, the Trojans and Nittany Lions were sure to attract major TV audiences on both coasts.

"Paying half the money of the other bowls, we ended up with a 19.3 rating," said Skinner, referring to the NBC television audience. "The Cotton Bowl had a 15.7. From then on, we continued to do well, paying less money. We had the flexibility picking teams. But still, the Orange, Sugar and Cotton picked their teams, and then we picked ours."

Each of those bowls picked only one team each. The Orange had contracted to use the Big Eight Conference champion as the host team. The Sugar was allied with the Southeastern Conference, the Cotton with the Southwestern Conference. The Rose Bowl was a closed shop, matching the champions of the Pacific-10 Conference and the Big Ten Conference.

The New Year's Day scene was still the Big Four, plus the Fiesta Bowl. At No. 5, the Fiesta kept trying harder.

"We knew to get bigger, we had to get the payout up to match the big bowls," Skinner said. "We saw how corporate sponsorship was really taking off in motor racing, golf tournaments and tennis tournaments. I went to a seminar in 1983, and they said that in 1981, corporate America spent $171 million on sports marketing. They said that figure would increase in 1985 to $1 billion.

"We said, 'Hey, that's the way to go.' If we really wanted to take off, we had to find corporate sponsorship."

Enter Sunkist.

"Our first year of corporate sponsorship was 1986," Skinner said. "There was some criticism, but not that much. If we were a profit-making corporation, we would have taken a lot more hits. But we were just doing it to pass the money along to the teams."

Michigan and Nebraska were the teams that benefited from $1.2 million payouts in 1986, but the breakthrough year for the Fiesta was 1987. The payout that year doubled to $2.4 million per team, which was enough to entice No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Penn State to settle the national championship debate on the field. The established bowls howled about the mercenary Fiesta Bowl, which moved its game to January 2 to spotlight its title matchup.

"Really, we weren't paying any more than the other bowls were," Skinner said. "And the statement that 'It was a bidding war' was completely outrageous. That never happened. Penn State and Miami both came out and said: 'We won't be involved in a bidding war. Just pay equal to the other bowls.' "

Despite their pious appeals about the evils of greed, the Big Four bowls simply had been out-slickered, fair and square.

Except for the Big Four, everyone seemed pleased with the Fiesta matchup. Football fans enjoyed seeing a national champion crowned on the field instead of in balloting by coaches and scribes. And the teams enjoyed the big paychecks. Last season, Notre Dame and West Virginia each received $3 million, the largest single payout to individual schools in bowl history. (Rose Bowl participants are paid more—just over $6 million each last year—but that money must be split evenly among conference members.)

The real winner, though, was the Fiesta Bowl and the Phoenix area, which got a multimillion-dollar injection of tourist dollars.

"I think that the Fiesta makes it the Big Five now," Skinner said. "We want to continue to do national championship type of games. And we can do that because we do our own matchups."

The Florida Citrus Bowl isn't there yet, but it's elbowing its way toward the front ranks.

Clemson beat Oklahoma in the 43rd staging of the event last January 2. But what separates the Citrus from the other seven New Year's bowls—the Gator and Hall of Fame bowls also help usher in the new year—is potential.

"First of all, we're in the right place: central Florida," Rohe said. "We're very fortunate that Mickey Mouse came here and set up shop. Everybody in the world wants to come down here once in their lives.

"Even when the bowl wasn't paying much money and was at the bottom of the heap in prestige, teams still wanted to come because of the central Florida hospitality area. We had the edge all along."

In the pre-Disney days, there was far less hoopla. Begun in 1947 as the Tangerine Bowl, the game matched such small colleges as Catawba, Maryville, Sul Ross State, St. Vincent, Morris Harvey, Emory & Henry, Nebraska-Omaha, Juniata and Presbyterian. The first dozen Tangerine Bowls were played on January 1 or January 2, but that didn't worry the Big Four.

"For years, it rocked along as a small-college bowl," Rohe said. "It was the unofficial national championship of small colleges for a while in the '50s."

The Tangerine was organized by the Elks Club as a charity event to benefit a children's hospital, which is still one of the beneficiaries of the game.

"Then in the '60s, the Elks upgraded the bowl," Rohe said. "It matched the champions of the Mid-American Conference and the Southern Conference. They played for four or five years, and the Mid-American began to dominate."

The Mid-American featured such teams as Miami of Ohio and Toledo, while the Southern Conference included William & Mary and Davidson.

"Then they made it the Mid-American against larger schools," Rohe said. "The first three years of that, it was Miami of Ohio against Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, and Miami whipped all three."

Big-name schools suddenly were shying away from Miami, which had everything to gain and nothing to lose in the Tangerine showdown.

"So in 1976, we dropped the Mid-American Conference and began to match major schools," Rohe said. "It was still the Tangerine Bowl, and we were being televised by Mizlou."

In 1972, in order to help meet the increasing minimum payout ordered by the NCAA, the Elks had ceded control of the game. The Tangerine Sports Association was formed. "That guaranteed the game and established the credibility for it," Rohe said.

The credibility and visibility increased when former Louisiana State coach Charlie McClendon became executive director of the bowl committee after the 1979 season. Meanwhile, Florida Citrus Bowl-Orlando Stadium had expanded to almost 49,000 seats, with the flexibility to add temporary seats when needed. A record

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crowd of 52,541 showed up in 1980 to see Florida beat Maryland. That was the start of nine successive crowds of more than 50,000 people, including a new record of 53,571 in 1989.

Rohe took over in 1982, when McClendon quit to become executive director of the American Football Coaches Association.

"We were still the Tangerine Bowl and still on Mizlou," Rohe said. "The goals I had were, one, get us on national TV. Two, get us a more favorable playing date. We were still the first Saturday before Christmas. Three, get a sponsor for the bowl game. No bowls had sponsors then."

And so was created the first "title sponsor," the Florida Citrus Commission, in 1983. The beauty of this marriage was that "Florida Citrus Bowl" did not have the obvious corporate ring to it that the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, Mazda Gator Bowl and USF&G Sugar Bowl have. A year later, NBC replaced Mizlou and the Citrus had a national audience.

The Citrus' TV positioning improved in 1985, when NBC aired the Ohio State-Brigham Young game on the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's. The shift to New Year's Day came a year later, when Auburn defeated Southern Cal. The last two years have seen Clemson beat Penn State and Oklahoma. Even without a massive payout, the Citrus has been fielding big-name lineups.

"Because of our location," Rohe said, "we knew that if we get even close to the other bowls in payout, we're going to win the battle."

The Citrus, with the same free hand in scheduling as the Fiesta, almost won the Miami-Penn State title game in 1987. "We were right down to the wire," Rohe said.

The Citrus is bracing for another serious run at a national title game, the kind that made the Fiesta Bowl. The stadium is being enlarged to 70,000 seats, at least 60,000 of which will be ready this year. An expanded press box will stretch from end zone to end zone to accommodate a media throng of Super Bowl proportions. All that seems to stand between the Citrus and a title game is a sweeter payout pot.

To that end, Rohe has another innovative twist in mind: a second sponsor.

The Florida Citrus Commission, the current sponsor, is a quasi-governmental body that promotes the state's big cash crop. "We got a sponsor that was generic enough that we can go out and get another sponsor," Rohe said. "We're going to be the first bowl to have two title sponsors."

The Citrus has been paying just over $1 million per team the last two years. "We're hoping to pay $6 million total, or $3 million per team," Rohe said.

That would put the Citrus abreast of the other biggies, the Rose Bowl's company excepted. The Rose dwarfs the competition but is not involved in bidding for teams because its two contestants qualify automatically each year.

The Citrus was free to bring in any two agreeable teams until a year ago, when it contracted to invite the Atlantic Coast Conference champion through 1992. Some observers believe that arrangement knocks the Citrus down a notch because the ACC, while improved, is not yet as strong as many other leagues. Unless Clemson, the league's only powerhouse, enters the game undefeated, a national championship matchup is unlikely. But Rohe said the contract includes a loophole that lets the Citrus reject the ACC champ if a title game can be arranged. (In 1991, the ACC champ can go elsewhere if the Orange, Sugar or Cotton offers a title matchup.)

So, even with the ACC alignment, the Citrus appears to be just another major sponsor away from hosting a national championship game.

"The other four bowls have been sitting pretty since the '30s," Rohe said. "Ourselves and the Fiesta Bowl have had to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps."

The balance of power hasn't shifted completely. But the Big Four is looking more and more like the Big Six.

And it's not ridiculous to suggest that someday soon, college football fans may be referring to the Big Two and the Other Four. ■

JOHNNY BAILEY

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didn't measure up to the requirements of Proposition 48. Most of the major colleges that coveted his services encouraged him to attend a junior college, get his grades in order and then transfer, a plan Bailey considered for a while.

"Plenty of people wanted me to go to a big school," he said. "I had to decide between a junior college or here. I just decided I didn't want to go to a junior college and then start over in some other place.

"I don't regret not going (to a major college). They have big names, but I've forgotten all about that. I've been happy at A&I. I may not get the publicity they get at bigger schools, but I think I'm doing fine here."

Harms believes Bailey could have played anywhere. "Johnny has tremendous talent," he said. "He has great peripheral vision. He sees things other players don't see. We like to get him the ball a lot. We even use him as a receiver sometimes."

Bailey has caught 36 passes for 322 yards and a touchdown in his three-year career. He also has returned 34 kickoffs for 910 yards and two TDs. Add in 51 rushing touchdowns and three two-point conversions and Bailey has averaged 10.7 points per game at Texas A&I.

"The thing about Johnny is that he just hasn't had a slump," Harms said. "I think if he has another great year, he could be a first-rounder. Of course, a lot of people are wondering if he'll be as good without Sherman."

Fullback Heath Sherman used up his eligibility last season. And as Bailey enters his final season, he knows he'll miss his primary lead blocker as well as a strong runner who gained 4,654 yards in his career at Texas A&I.

"Sure, Heath being gone means a lot," Bailey said. "I don't think there'll ever be another Heath Sherman. But I can't worry about Heath not being here. That won't do me any good. We'll just have to find someone to fill his shoes. Well, maybe not fill his shoes. But someone to take his place."

Harms is still looking for that person. "I anticipate Johnny will have a lot of pressure on him this season," he said. "But I still think he'll have the same kind of output he has had.

"There are a variety of things that affect a guy's yardage, not just who he's playing alongside. Things like not playing all of every game because some of them are blowouts.

"When Johnny was a freshman, we had a rather porous defense. So he'd have to stay in the whole game and we'd have scores like 60-something to 40-something. That helped him get more yards."

Harms is hoping that a multidimensional offense and a tough Javelina defense will make it unnecessary for Bailey to be a workhorse.

"I hope we don't have to place Johnny in the position of having to carry the whole load," he said. "I hope we can find someone who will take that pressure off. You don't want a defense to be able to key on him."

The ultraconfident Bailey wouldn't mind, though.

"I like the pressure," he said. "It makes me work harder. Besides, I feel no one can stop a great runner, and I'm a great runner."

Such confidence can go a long way toward compensating for a lack of size.

"He'll get bigger," Harms said. "Kids just eat better when they get out of college. One of those pro teams will get him and put some weight on him.

"Sure, some coaches may say, 'Hey, the guy's not very big.' I know he'll have his detractors. If a pro coach has a choice between Johnny and a back with similar stats who's 6-2, 210, then they'll probably take the other guy.

"But regardless of his size, he's a great runner. He's great on the outside and he's also very tough on the inside. I think someone can use him."

That's all Bailey wants—a chance to make it in the NFL and, if all goes well, follow in the footsteps of Dorsett.

"I hope I can do what he's done in the pros as well as here," Bailey said. "He's my idol. I've copied a lot of his moves and I've made up a lot of my own."

And maybe someday he'll get his picture taken with his hero—in person. ■

AWARD WINNERS

HEISMAN TROPHY

(Honoring the outstanding college football player in the United States, presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York)

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1935	Jay Berwanger, Chicago, HB
1936	Larry Kelley, Yale, E
1937	Clint Frank, Yale, HB
1938	Davey O'Brien, TCU, QB
1939	Nile Kinnick, Iowa, HB
1940	Tom Harmon, Michigan, HB
1941	Bruce Smith, Minnesota, HB
1942	Frank Sinkwich, Georgia, HB
1943	Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame, QB
1944	Les Horvath, Ohio State, QB
1945	Doc Blanchard, Army, FB*
1946	Glenn Davis, Army, HB
1947	John Lujack, Notre Dame, QB
1948	Doak Walker, SMU, HB*
1949	Leon Hart, Notre Dame, E
1950	Vic Janowicz, Ohio State, HB*
1951	Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, HB
1952	Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, HB
1953	John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB
1954	Alan Ameche, Wisconsin, FB
1955	Howard Cassady, Ohio State, HB
1956	Paul Hornung, Notre Dame, QB
1957	John Crow, Texas A&M, HB
1958	Pete Dawkins, Army, HB
1959	Billy Cannon, LSU, HB
1960	Joe Bellino, Navy, HB
1961	Ernie Davis, Syracuse, HB
1962	Terry Baker, Oregon St., QB
1963	Roger Staubach, Navy, QB*
1964	John Huarte, Notre Dame, QB
1965	Mike Garrett, Southern Cal, HB
1966	Steve Spurrier, Florida, QB
1967	Gary Beban, UCLA, QB
1968	O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal, HB
1969	Steve Owens, Oklahoma, HB
1970	Jim Plunkett, Stanford, QB
1971	Pat Sullivan, Auburn, QB
1972	Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, FL
1973	John Cappelletti, Penn State, HB
1974	Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB*
1975	Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB
1976	Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, HB
1977	Earl Campbell, Texas, HB
1978	Billy Sims, Oklahoma, HB*
1979	Charles White, Southern Cal, HB
1980	George Rogers, South Caro., HB
1981	Marcus Allen, Southern Cal, HB
1982	Herschel Walker, Georgia, HB*
1983	Mike Rozier, Nebraska, HB
1984	Doug Flutie, Boston College, QB
1985	Bo Jackson, Auburn, HB
1986	Vinny Testaverde, Miami (Fla.), QB
1987	Tim Brown, Notre Dame, FL
1988	Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State, HB*

OUTLAND TROPHY

(Honoring the outstanding interior lineman, selected by the Football Writers Association of America)

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1946	George Connor, Notre Dame, T
1947	Joe Steffy, Army, G
1948	Bill Fischer, Notre Dame, G
1949	Ed Bagdon, Michigan St., G
1950	Bob Gain, Kentucky, T
1951	Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma, T
1952	Dick Modzelewski, Maryland, T
1953	J.D. Roberts, Oklahoma, G
1954	Bill Brooks, Arkansas, G
1955	Calvin Jones, Iowa, G
1956	Jim Parker, Ohio State, G
1957	Alex Karras, Iowa, T
1958	Zeke Smith, Auburn, G
1959	Mike McGee, Duke, T
1960	Tom Brown, Minnesota, G
1961	Merlin Olsen, Utah State, T
1962	Bobby Bell, Minnesota, T
1963	Scott Appleton, Texas, T
1964	Steve DeLong, Tennessee, T
1965	Tommy Nobis, Texas, G
1966	Loyd Phillips, Arkansas, T
1967	Ron Yary, Southern Cal, T
1968	Bill Stanfill, Georgia, T
1969	Mike Reid, Penn State, DT
1970	Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, MG
1971	Larry Jacobson, Nebraska, DT
1972	Rich Glover, Nebraska, MG
1973	John Hicks, Ohio State, OT
1974	Randy White, Maryland, DE
1975	Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, DT
1976	Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE*
1977	Brad Shearer, Texas, DT
1978	Greg Roberts, Oklahoma, G
1979	Jim Ritcher, N.C. State, C
1980	Mark May, Pittsburgh, OT
1981	Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C*
1982	Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C
1983	Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska, G
1984	Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech, DT
1985	Mike Ruth, Boston College, NG
1986	Jason Buck, Brigham Young, DT
1987	Chad Hennings, Air Force, DT
1988	Tracy Rocker, Auburn, DT

LOMBARDI AWARD

(Honoring the outstanding college lineman of the year, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston)

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1970	Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, MG
1971	Walt Patulski, Notre Dame, DE
1972	Rich Glover, Nebraska, MG
1973	John Hicks, Ohio State, OT
1974	Randy White, Maryland, DT
1975	Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, DT
1976	Wilson Whitley, Houston, DT
1977	Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE
1978	Bruce Clark, Penn State, DT
1979	Brad Budde, Southern Cal, G
1980	Hugh Green, Pittsburgh, DE
1981	Kenneth Sims, Texas, DT
1982	Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C
1983	Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska, G
1984	Tony Degrate, Texas, DT
1985	Tony Casillas, Oklahoma, NG
1986	Cornelius Bennett, Alabama, LB
1987	Chris Spielman, Ohio State, LB
1988	Tracy Rocker, Auburn, DT

*Juniors (all others seniors)

1988 FINAL RANKINGS

THE SPORTING NEWS

1. Notre Dame
2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Florida State
4. Nebraska
5. Michigan
6. Southern California
7. UCLA
8. Auburn
9. West Virginia
10. Oklahoma State
11. Arkansas
12. Clemson
13. Oklahoma
14. Washington State
15. Syracuse
16. Houston
17. Alabama
18. Georgia
19. Louisiana State
20. Indiana

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1. Notre Dame
2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Florida State
4. Michigan
5. West Virginia
6. UCLA
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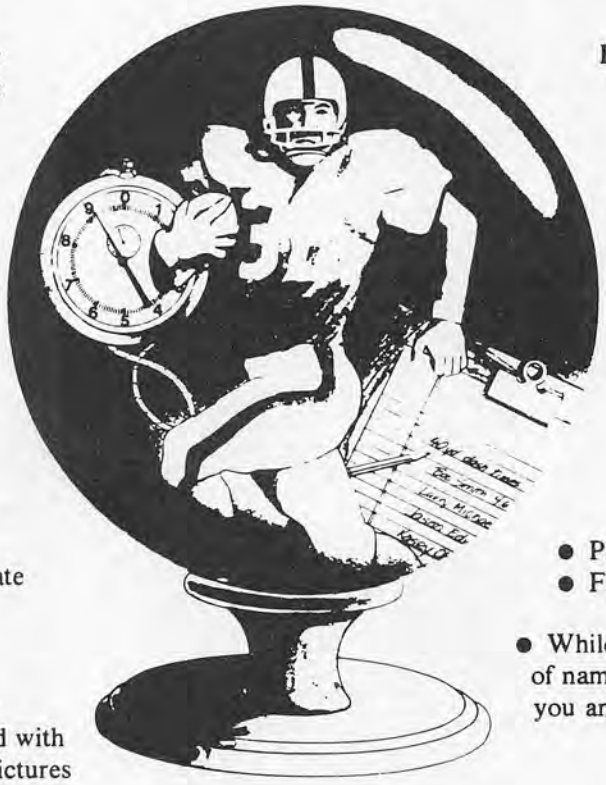
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Aloha Bowl	Honolulu	Dec. 25	Washington State 24, Houston 22
California Bowl	Fresno	Dec. 9	Fresno State 35, Western Michigan 30
Copper Bowl	Tucson	Dec. 31	New bowl game
Cotton Bowl	Dallas	Jan. 1	UCLA 17, Arkansas 3
Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 1	Notre Dame 34, West Virginia 21
Florida Citrus Bowl	Orlando	Jan. 1	Clemson 13, Oklahoma 6
Freedom Bowl	Anaheim	Dec. 29	Brigham Young 20, Colorado 17
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 30	Georgia 34, Michigan State 27
Hall of Fame Bowl	Tampa	Jan. 1	Syracuse 23, Louisiana State 10
Holiday Bowl	San Diego	Dec. 29	Oklahoma State 62, Wyoming 14
Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.	Dec. 16	Southern Mississippi 38, Texas-El Paso 18
Liberty Bowl	Memphis	Dec. 29	Indiana 34, South Carolina 10
Orange Bowl	Miami	Jan. 1	Miami (Fla.) 23, Nebraska 3
Peach Bowl	Atlanta	Dec. 30	North Carolina State 28, Iowa 23
Rose Bowl	Pasadena, Calif.	Jan. 1	Michigan 22, Southern Cal 14
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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

QB—quarterback
RB—running back
TB—tailback
HB—halfback
FB—fullback
IB—I-back
WB—wingback
WR—wide receiver
SE—split end
FL—flanker
TE—tight end
C—center
G—guard
T—tackle
OT—offensive tackle
DT—defensive tackle
OL—offensive lineman
DL—defensive lineman
E—end
DE—defensive end
NG—noseguard
MG—middle guard
NT—nose tackle
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S—safety
CB—cornerback
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K—placekicker
I—inside linebacker
O—outside linebacker
KC—kick coverage
KR—kick returner
St.—State
Sr.—senior
Jr.—junior
Soph.—sophomore
Fr.—freshman
JC—junior college
RS—sat out last season as a redshirt
JV—junior varsity player last season
Prop 48—failed to meet the academic requirements of Proposition 48 last year
yds.—yards
yds.pg—yards per game
att.—attempts
avg.—average
comp.—completions
rec.—receptions
rec.pg—receptions per game
pts.—points
pts.pg—points per game
TDs—touchdowns
PATs—points after touchdown
FGs—field goals
FG.pg—field goals per game
int.—interceptions
int.pg—interceptions per game

MAJOR COLLEGE CHAMPIONS

Year	AP Team	UPI Team
1936	Minnesota	.....
1937	Pittsburgh	.....
1938	Texas Christian	.....
1939	Texas A&M	.....
1940	Minnesota	.....
1941	Minnesota	.....
1942	Ohio State	.....
1943	Notre Dame	.....
1944	Army	.....
1945	Army	.....
1946	Notre Dame	.....
1947	Notre Dame	.....
1948	Michigan	.....
1949	Notre Dame	.....
1950	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
1951	Tennessee	Tennessee
1952	Michigan State	Michigan State
1953	Maryland	Maryland
1954	Ohio State	UCLA
1955	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
1956	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
1957	Auburn	Ohio State
1958	Louisiana State	Louisiana State
1959	Syracuse	Syracuse
1960	Minnesota	Minnesota
1961	Alabama	Alabama
1962	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
1963	Texas	Texas
1964	Alabama	Alabama
1965	Alabama	Michigan State
1966	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
1967	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
1968	Ohio State	Ohio State
1969	Texas	Texas
1970	Nebraska	Texas
1971	Nebraska	Nebraska
1972	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
1973	Notre Dame	Alabama
1974	Oklahoma	Southern Cal
1975	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
1976	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
1977	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
1978	Alabama	Southern Cal
1979	Alabama	Alabama
1980	Georgia	Georgia
1981	Clemson	Clemson
1982	Penn State	Penn State
1983	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)
1984	Brigham Young	Brigham Young
1985	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
1986	Penn State	Penn State
1987	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)
1988	Notre Dame	Notre Dame

SMALL COLLEGE CHAMPIONS

DIVISION I-AA

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1978	Florida A&M	Massachusetts
1979	Eastern Kentucky	Lehigh
1980	Boise State	Eastern Kentucky
1981	Idaho State	Eastern Kentucky
1982	Eastern Kentucky	Delaware
1983	Southern Illinois	Western Carolina
1984	Montana State	Louisiana Tech
1985	Georgia Southern	Furman
1986	Georgia Southern	Arkansas State
1987	NE Louisiana	Marshall
1988	Furman	Georgia Southern

DIVISION II

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1973	Louisiana Tech	Western Ky.
1974	Central Michigan	Delaware
1975	Northern Mich.	Western Ky.
1976	Montana State	Akron
1977	Lehigh	Jacksonville St.
1978	Eastern Illinois	Delaware
1979	Delaware	Youngstown St.
1980	Cal Poly SLO	Eastern Illinois
1981	SW Texas State	North Dakota St.
1982	SW Texas State	UC-Davis
1983	North Dakota St.	Central (O.) St.
1984	Troy State	North Dakota St.
1985	North Dakota St.	North Alabama
1986	North Dakota St.	South Dakota
1987	Troy State	Portland State
1988	North Dakota St.	Portland State

DIVISION III

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1973	Wittenberg	Juniata
1974	Central (Ia.)	Ithaca
1975	Wittenberg	Ithaca
1976	St. John's (Minn.)	Towson State
1977	Widener	Wabash
1978	Baldwin-Wallace	Wittenberg
1979	Ithaca	Wittenberg
1980	Dayton	Ithaca
1981	Widener	Dayton
1982	West Georgia	Augustana (Ill.)
1983	Augustana (Ill.)	Union (N.Y.)
1984	Augustana (Ill.)	Central (Ia.)
1985	Augustana (Ill.)	Ithaca
1986	Augustana (Ill.)	Salisbury State
1987	Wagner	Dayton
1988	Ithaca	Central (Ia.)

COACHING CHANGES

DIVISION I-A

School	Former coach	New coach
Cincinnati	Dave Currey	Tim Murphy
Colorado State	Leon Fuller	Earle Bruce
East Carolina	Art Baker	Bill Lewis
Georgia	Vince Dooley	Ray Goff
Kansas State	Stan Parrish	Bill Snyder
Memphis State	Charlie Bailey	Dan Coughlin
Miami (Fla.)	Jimmy Johnson	Dennis Erickson
Missouri	Woody Widenhofer	Bob Stull
Pacific	Bob Cope	Walt Harris
Rice	Jerry Berndt	Fred Goldsmith
San Diego State	Denny Stolz	Al Luginbill
South Carolina	Joe Morrison	Sparky Woods
Southern Methodist*	Bobby Collins	Forrest Gregg
Stanford	Jack Elway	Dennis Green
Temple	Bruce Arians	Jerry Berndt
Texas A&M	Jackie Sherrill	R.C. Slocum
Texas-El Paso	Bob Stull	David Lee
Washington State	Dennis Erickson	Mike Price

*SMU's football program is being revived this season after NCAA penalties led to the abolishment of the program for the 1987 and '88 seasons.

DIVISION I-AA

School	Former coach	New coach
Appalachian State	Sparky Woods	Jerry Moore
Bucknell	George Landis	Lou Maranzana
Columbia	Larry McElreavy	Ray Tellier
Cornell	Maxie Baughan	Jack Fouts
Howard	Willie Jeffries	Steve Wilson
Idaho	Keith Gilbertson	John L. Smith
Liberty	Morgan Hout	Sam Rutigliano
Maine	Tim Murphy	Tom Lichtenberg
Northeast Louisiana	Pat Collins	Dave Roberts
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Southern U.	Marino Casem	Gerald Kimble
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Western Carolina	Bob Waters	Dale Strahm
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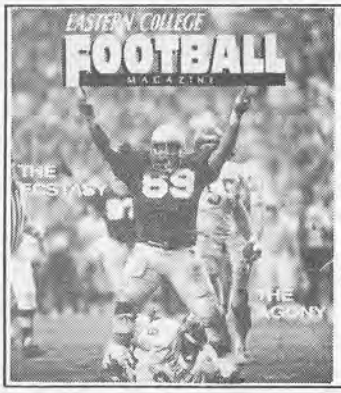
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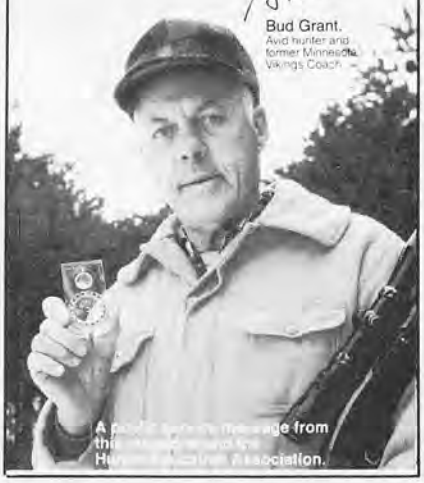
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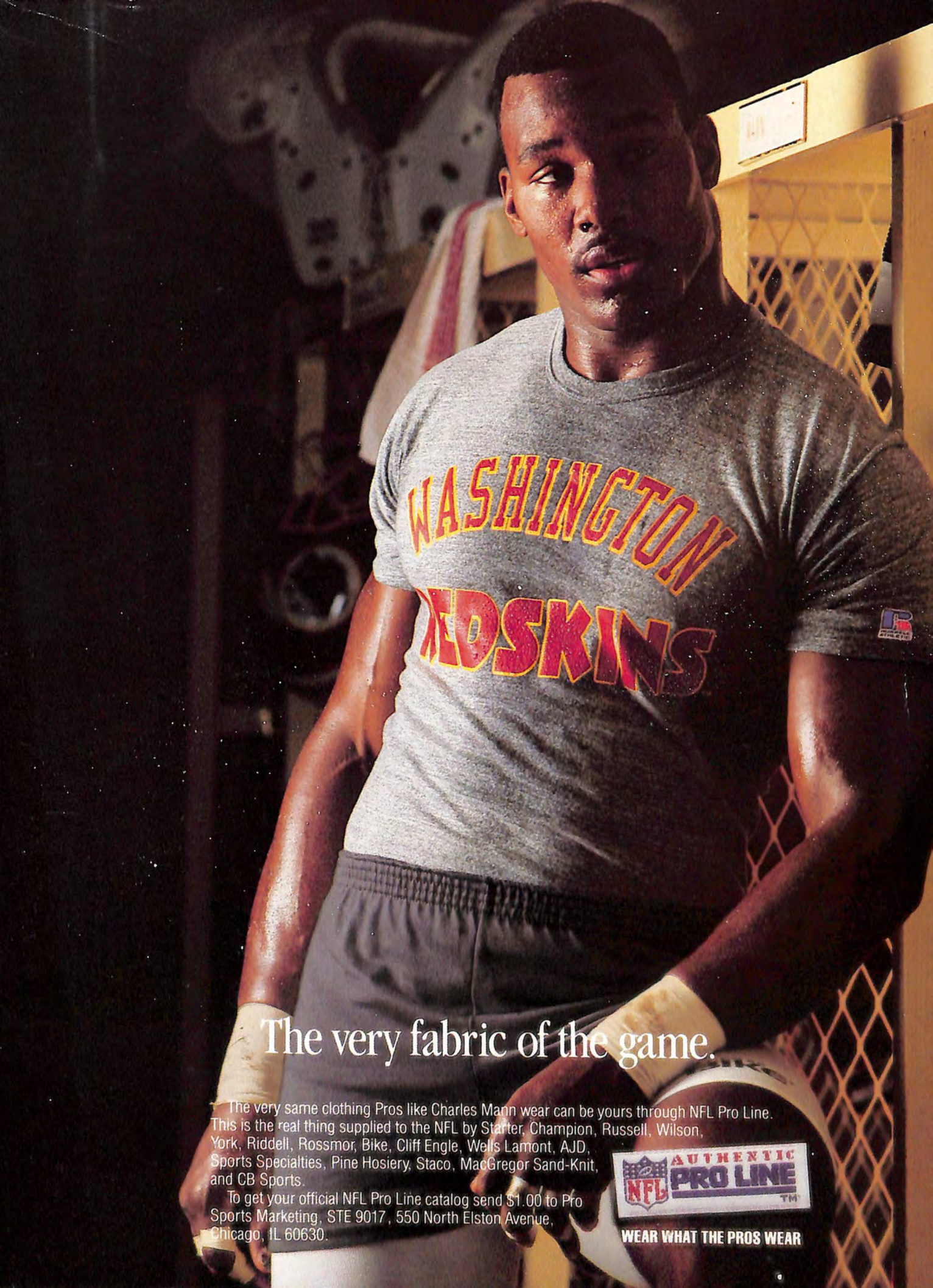


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